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Marshal Petain Still Holds Out

Azad Pact At Work

Restoration Of Amity And Goodwill Among Communities

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

"Amity and goodwill has been restored to a considerable extent between Hindus and Muslims in Sind as a result of the last "Azad Pact," said the Hon. Syed Miran Shah Md. Zain-ut-Abdin Shah, Speaker of the Sind Provincial Legislative Assembly, in an interview with the "Associated Press" to-day.

This, the Hon. Speaker added was discernible from the fact that the villagers, who migrated to big towns, had now gone back to their own places.

Referring to the present position of the Sind Ministry, Syed Miran Shah remarked that the different groups in the Assembly there seem to have closed ranks after the Azad Pact and joined hands to ensure stability of the Ministry, which was a sure recipe for the restoration of security and peace in the Province. And now the Cabinet will take in hand a programme chalked out for the uplift of the masses in the province.

The outstanding legislation undertaken by the Cabinet for the welfare of the rural masses was the Debt Conciliation Bill, which had gone through Committee stages and would be taken into consideration at the ensuing budget session of the Assembly commencing on February 26. Lately great irrigational developments had taken place in Lower Sind, which had suffered on account of the Lloyd Barrage in the upper regions of the Province.

The Hon. Speaker, who is now here on purely a private visit will leave for Bombay 'en route' to Hyderabad (Sind) to-morrow.—A. P.

Mridulaben & Paliwal To See Gandhiji

WARDHA, Feb. 5.

Miss Mridula Sarabai and Mr. Srikrishna Paliwal, President of the United Provinces Provincial Congress, are arriving here to see Mahatma Gandhi on February 7.—United Press.

MADRAS M. L. A. SEES MAHATMA

WARDHA, Feb. 5.

Mr. Venkatarao, M.L.A., (Congress), Madras and General Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, saw Mahatma Gandhi when, it is learnt, he informed him of the progress of Satyagraha in his area.

Mr. Venkatarao has submitted the third list of satyagrahis for Andhra which brings the total from Andhra to 3,229.

Dr. Mahodaya, Congress, M.L.A., (Khandwa), was arrested this morning. He was to have offered satyagraha this morning at 9. His trial commences in Wardha Jail to-day.

It is understood that the nomination of Mr. Satyanarayan as Congress candidate in the by-election to the Central Assembly caused by the unseating of Mr. Thirumala Rao has been approved by Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

EXPORT LICENSING SYSTEM AT WORK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.

President Roosevelt has placed oil well refining machinery, radium, Uranium, calf skins and kip skins, under the export licensing system in connection with the national defence programme as from Monday next.—Reuter.

Laval's Secret Deal And Demands On Vichy

ADMIRAL DARLAN REPORTS ON PARIS MISSION

Emergency Meeting Of Cabinet: Matters Reaching Climax

LONDON, Feb. 5.

ACCORDING to an American report M. Laval has demanded the post of the Minister of Interior and to be given the control of the police.

VICHY CABINET MEETS

The French Cabinet met this afternoon under the presidency of Marshal Petain for an extraordinary session, says a Vichy message.

DARLAN REPORTS

Admiral Darlan reported on his conversations in Paris at the meeting, announced the Lyons radio. The meeting is still in progress.

BERLIN VERSION

The French Cabinet meeting under Marshal Petain to-day lasted for two hours ending at 05|30 G.M.T. A 'communique' issued after the meeting, according to the German Official News Agency, was confined to the statement that "Admiral Darlan reported on the conversations which he had had in Paris during the last few days. Subsequently, the Ministers deliberated on general policy.—

GERMAN THREAT

While the Vichy Cabinet was meeting this afternoon to hear Admiral Darlan's report of his parley with the Germans in Paris the German pressure was again applied through the voice of the Stuttgart Radio.

In a broadcast in the French language, the German announcer expressed himself pessimistically about the chances of an improved understanding between Vichy and Berlin.

"If", he stated, "the position remains as at present or changes for the worse, as it seems likely to do, Germany will have to be on her guard and will be obliged to require securities from France and to impose much more severe peace terms."

SECRET LAVAL DEAL

M. Laval lost his post in the Petain Cabinet last December because he had completed negotiations with the Germans for them to have the use of the French Fleet and occupy the French naval base at Bizerta, according to information received from Europe in a well-informed diplomatic quarter in Washington.

On M. Laval's return to the Cabinet it is learned from the same source, Berlin is demanding fulfilment of the agreement, but Marshal Petain is unwilling to agree.—Reuter.

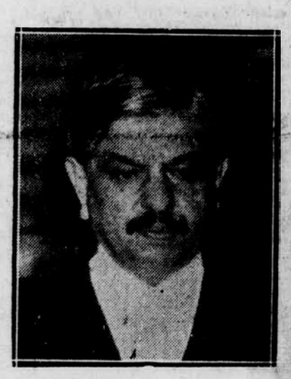
MOVING TO A CLIMAX

The impression that Franco-German relations are rapidly moving to a climax is evident in British press comment on February 4.

Admiral Darlan's visit to Paris his alleged statement to "Le Journal" regarding the integrity of the French Fleet, complaints against the powers given to Weygand in "Das Reich", Vichy's disclaimer regarding the "Assemblement National Populaire", the Stuttguart Radio's implication that the Vichy Government had failed to work for Franco-German collaboration and the organised anti-Vichy campaign in the Paris press, all arouse comment in London where the situation is watched with the most intense interest.

It is felt that, whatever the up-

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M. LAVAL, it is believed in London, insists on far-reaching powers, according to a cable.

Admiral Darlan is expected in Paris with Marshal Petain's reply to M. Laval's demands.

CONGRESSMAN & RED CROSS

May Subscribe But Not Under Pressure: Gandhiji's Reply To Nellore Judge

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 5.

"I would not regard it as a breach of discipline for a Congressman to subscribe to the Red Cross or take the necessary training. But it would be a different thing, if a Congressman yielded to outside pressure and in order to avoid the displeasure of an authority and to gain a selfish end, subscribed to it."

This is the view expressed by Mahatma Gandhi in a reply to Mr. Mack, District Judge, Nellore, in the course of correspondence between the two, discussing the aims and objects of the Red Cross organisation.—A. P.

WITHDRAWAL OF CONGRESS M.L.A.'s

From Punjab, Bengal & Assam Legislatures?

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 5.

It is understood that instructions have already been issued for the withdrawal of Congress members from the Punjab Legislative Assembly. The question of withdrawing Congress members from Bengal Legislature, where they are in minority, is still under consideration.

From enquiries here, it is learnt that Congress members in the Assam Legislature may also be withdrawn.—A. P.

Madras Ex-Minister Sees Mahatma

WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 5.

Mr. Ramanathan, formerly Minister in Madras Government saw Mahatma Gandhi to-day when, it is learnt, the general situation in the country with special reference to Andhra and Tamilnad was discussed.

Acharya Kriplani left for Madras to-day with Mr. Ramanathan where he will be meeting Congress workers in Andhra and Tamilnad.—A. P.

Editors' Conference

Suggestions Likely To Be Accepted By Govt.

FULL TRIAL TO BE GIVEN TO PROPOSED WORKING ARRANGEMENT:

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

It is understood Government will carefully watch the reactions in the Indian Press to the resolutions and the various suggestions put forward by the Standing Committee of Editors' Conference.

There appears little doubt that Government will accept the working arrangement proposed by the Committee and will give it full trial. The declaration made by the Committee that the Indian Press is wholly opposed to Totalitarian doctrines, Fascism, Nazism and has no intention of hindering Britain's war effort against her enemies has been particularly welcomed in official circles.

NO IMPEDIMENT TO WAR EFFORT

It is emphasised in official circles that there is no intention whatever to interfere with the legitimate publicity to news about political movement in the country so long as it does not impede war effort which is at the moment, the main consideration. The Viceroy's personal interest in keeping cordial relations between Government and Press which he showed by inviting Mr. Srinivasan, President of the Committee to interview leads to the hope that he will personally pursue the matter with Governors of provinces and bring about a co-ordination of policy throughout the country. As some Governors are shortly to visit New Delhi in order to meet the Viceroy—one was here only last week—this will provide an opportunity for personal discussion. No change in political situation is, however, anticipated in the near future.

"WAIT AND SEE"

Though there appears no ground for reports circulated recently that Gandhiji's arrest is imminent, official attitude remains the same as before viz, "wait and see what political parties propose to do to get together to resolve differences."

In the Assembly, however, opportunity will be available for general discussion as Sardar Sant Singh's motion for a Round Table Conference will come up on the 20th. As Muslim League's Executive is also due to meet sometime then and certain well-known leaders who have been interesting themselves in the question of political settlement are also expected to be in New Delhi at that time.

Interesting developments are anticipated but few hold out any hope of any immediate change in the political situation.

Brest And Bordeaux Ablaze

R.A.F. Sweep Over Nazi Bases In France

DUSSELDORF BOMBED: BERLIN ADMISSION

Three Bombers Shot Down: One Crashes Over Ireland

LONDON, February 5.

THREE German bombers are reported to have been shot down into the sea when German bombers attacked a convoy off the south-east coast of England to-day.

THRILLING FIGHT

A thrilling fight took place, mostly in hazy weather, but the crump of exploding bombs and incessant rattle of machine-gun fire were heard for a considerable distance along the French coast.

NAZI PLANE CRASHES IN EIRE

A German aircraft crashed this morning in the vicinity of Schull in the County of Cork, it is officially announced in Dublin. Five of the crew of six were killed, and the sixth was badly injured. The plane was completely wrecked. The plane was seen coming in over the Bay with smoke pouring from it. It crashed and blazed furiously.

TUESDAY NIGHT RAIDS.

R.A.F. night patrols destroyed one German bomber during last night's raids on Britain which, while more widespread than for some time, were nowhere heavy.

Announcing the night bomber's success an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security 'communique' also states: "Last night enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a number of places, mostly in the eastern part of the country and the East Midlands. The attacks, however, were not on a large scale. Damage was done at some places, but was nowhere heavy. The number of casualties reported from all areas is not large.

R. A. F. Over Nazi Land

It is understood last night's R.A.F. attacks were on a heavier scale than any during the past fortnight. The attacks covered a large area.

To-day's German High Command 'communique' admits that British planes dropped bombs on the centre of Dusseldorf.

Industrial areas of the town were attacked and a number of bombs were seen to burst in the target area.

A successful attack was also made on the docks at Cherbourg by aircraft of the Coastal Command.

Second Daylight Sweep

The R.A.F. made a second daylight sweep over the French coast early this afternoon after resuming night raids on German targets on a bigger scale than had been possible for a fortnight. Watchers on the English south-east coast saw a strong force of bombers protected by layers of fighters returning from the sweep, wingtip to wingtip, but details of operations are not yet announced.

Only a few hours before, half a dozen ports of occupied France in Belgium suffered severe hammering, aerodromes beyond had been attacked, and in Germany, railway communications at Dusseldorf were raided.

Nazi Naval Units Attacked

Docks and German naval units were the targets attacked at occupied ports along almost the entire coast from Ostend to Bordeaux, it is now revealed. A raid was made upon the naval base at Brest where huge fires were started followed by a huge explosion and the smoke rose to 9,000 feet, apparently from burning oil.

Germany appeared to be losing a further huge quantity of oil which is regarded in authoritative quarters in London as her Achilles Heel, at Bordeaux where further huge clouds of black smoke rolled sky-ward from vast fires.

Big Blaze In Brest And Bordeaux

The Air Ministry states: "The R.A.F. resumed its attacks on the enemy last night over a wide area and on a scale larger than for the last fortnight. Though clouds prevented full observation of the results, these can be described as satisfactory."

Aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Commands took part in renewed offensive. Cherbourg was visited twice by Coastal Command planes and targets in docks, including repair yards, were straddled by high explosive bombs, it is officially stated.

Other French ports raided were Brest, Dunkirk and Dieppe. A very large fire was started at Brest and some heavy explosions were heard. Docks at Dunkirk and Dieppe received direct hits as did those at Ostend which was the sixth occupied port to receive attention.

Aerodromes at Vannes and other places in occupied France were attacked. Bomber Command planes which attacked Dusseldorf and caused fires, hit two nearby railway junctions and a train which burst into flames.

From these operations four aircraft are missing, concludes the Communique.—Reuter.

Quetta Rocked

QUETT, Feb. 5.

A severe earthquake shock lasting nearly twenty seconds accompanied by a gurgling sound was experienced here at 4-20 a.m. to-day. Roofs, doors and windows rattled and people were awakened by tremors.

No damage is so far reported.—A. P.

Kodaikanal Records Shock

MADRAS, Feb. 5.

The seismograph of the Kodaikanal Observatory recorded an earthquake shock of moderate intensity with epicentre about 2,770 miles away at 19 hours 41 minutes I.S.T. yesterday, says a telegram from the Director of the Observatory.—A. P.

WILLKIE'S MESSAGE TO GERMAN PEOPLE

"I Am Proud Of My German Blood But I Hate Tyranny And Aggression"

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, February 5

Mr. Willkie is now on his way to Portugal by air 'en route' for the United States.—Reuter.

Mr. Wendell Willkie left England for America early this morning.

In an interview Mr. Willkie said: "I have not seen all I wanted, but have seen plenty. Anything I can do in America to help Britain in her fight for freedom I shall do. Your people have shown magnificent courage and kept chins up."

LONDON, Feb. 5.

A message for transmission to the German people was left by Mr. Wendell Willkie before leaving England for return home.

"I am of purely German descent", states the message. "My family name is not Willkie but (Willicke). My grandparents left Germany 90 years ago because they were protestants against autocracy and demanded the right to live as free men. I too claim that right. I am proud of my German blood but I hate aggression and tyranny. Tell the German people that my convictions are shared to the full by an overwhelming majority of my fellow-countrymen of German descent. They too believe in freedom and human rights. Tell the German people that we, German Americans, reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German Government."

LORD LLOYD DEAD

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STOP PRESS

"REUTER" CHIEF RESIGNS.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

After being head of Reuter's for the last quarter of a century, and having completed forty years of service with the Company, Sir Roderick Jones, who succeeded Baron de Reuter in 1915, has resigned his position as Chairman and Managing Director.—Reuter.

SP. PRESS ATTACK ON BR. BLOCKADE

MADRID, Feb. 5.

A threatening tone is used by the Spanish newspaper 'Arriba' to-day in an article attacking the British blockade and those who "within and without are trying to paralyse Spain."

After stating that thus far the Spaniards have been able to rest from their recent battle and forgive their enemies, who put obstacles in the way of their progress, the newspaper adds "but henceforth we must be united and vigilant round our flag. The moment has come when action must succeed words and a wrathful offensive replace prudent defence if we wish our present circumstances at home and elsewhere to improve and Spain to be something more than a desert in which the hungry groups of the old race of soldiers are encamped."

The article follows a number of allusions in the press and speech during recent days to the blockade as one of the causes of Spain's food shortages.—Reuter.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 92 of 1941

Messrs. MERCANTILE FINANCE CO., LTD. .. Plaintiffs.

vs.

MANEKSHAW LIMJIBHOY MISTRY .. Defendant.

To,
MANEKSHAW LIMJIBHOY MISTRY, Esq.,
The Defendant abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the plaintiffs have filed the above suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 6,000|- with interest and costs of the suit.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court has fixed the 5th March, 1941, for the hearing of the suit when you are required to attend personally or by Advocate (O.S.), and that in default of such appearance the suit will be heard in your absence.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1941.

PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
(4274)

Public Notices

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
No. 1894 of 1941.

ELECTION TO THE SENATE BY REGISTERED GRADUATES

AS REQUIRED by Statute 158(a), it is hereby notified that an election to the Senate by Registered Graduates to fill up ONE vacancy that occurred on November 1, 1940, by reason of the resignation of Mrs. Hansa Jivraj Mehta, a Fellow elected under Section 13(1) 11A(v), will be held in the Syndicate Room of the University on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1941, commencing at 12 (noon).

2. In accordance with Statute 134(a) (page 52 of the University Handbook for 1939) TUESDAY, the 4th March, 1941, is fixed as the last date for the receipt of nominations in connection with the said election.

3. Under Statute 137, nomination papers must be dated and signed by two electors and, where possible, must contain the names in full, places of abode and designations, if any, of the two signatories and of the candidate nominated and must reach the Registrar, NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1941.

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By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY.
University Registrar.
Bombay, 5th February, 1941.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

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Dated this 3rd day of February, 1941.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchasers Attorneys.
(4268)

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The Defendant abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs have filed the above suit against you 'inter alia' for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 6,834-7-0 with interest, costs of the suit, and for the appointment of a Receiver of the eight cases of Raw Cine Films mentioned in the plaint.

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Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF STONE CRUSHING MACHINE, OIL ENGINE & C. I. SHED.

By order of the party concerned, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction TO-DAY THURSDAY, the 6th February, 1941 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned lying in a C.I. Shed at Jerbai Wadia Road further up Poibawdi, Parel.

1. One Stone Crushing Machine by S. Pecc, England, 16 x 10 jaws; speed 280.
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3. Cast iron water tanks and other old iron. Also the corrugated iron sheet shed in which the abovementioned machine is kept, and wooden platform, etc.

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BENNETT & CO.

High Court

HUDSON ACQUITTED

Case Proceeds Against Standage & Sir Richard Temple

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Broomfield and a Special Jury.)
King-Emperor
v
1. Stanley Marcus Standage
2. Lawrence Dennis Hudson
3. Sir Richard Temple, Baronet, ... Accused.

After witnesses for the Prosecution were examined and the Advocate-General had closed his case, the statements of the Accused were recorded by the Court. In his statement the first Accused stated that it was on the representations of Sir Richard that he, a share-broker, joined the firm of Temple, Thomas and Standage Ld. The first Accused further stated that D'Mello's deposit of Rs. 5,000 in respect of which they were charged with criminal breach of trust and cheating in these proceedings, was meant to be a loan and not a deposit, and that his intention was to assign shares of that value to D'Mello in the Globe Publications Ld., which was to be floated by Messrs. Temple, Thomas and Standage Ld., and further that the moneys were drawn out for the purposes of the firm which he thought they were entitled to do.

The second Accused denied that he was the General Manager of the firm and stated that he had nothing whatever to do with its finances. He stated that he was merely the Assistant Editor.

Sir Richard Temple in a statement submitted in writing stated that he knew nothing whatever about these alleged deposits, and that he was surprised when D'Mello demanded the deposit back,—as the financial side of the firm was attended to by Standage.

His Lordship requested the Advocate-General to address the Court with regard to the second Accused first. After the Advocate-General had done so, His Lordship stated that as against the second Accused Hudson there was no case at all to go to the jury and accordingly directed the Jury under Sec. 289 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to return a verdict of "not guilty". The Jury having done so the second Accused was acquitted and discharged.

The Advocate-General thereafter addressed the Court on the case against the first and the third Accused. On the conclusion of his address, Mr. B. J. Petite, Counsel for the first Accused, commenced his defence address which was unfinished when the Court rose for the day.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with Mr. M. P. Laud instructed by the Public Prosecutor Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the Prosecution.

Mr. B. J. Petite with Mr. M. J. Sethna defended the first Accused Mr. M. Hunter with Mr. M. V. Shah defended the second Accused.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary instructed by Messrs. Kanga and Co., defended the third Accused.

PLOUGH-BUKHAR POTENTIALITY

Bhopal Cultivators May Get Two Crores

BHOPAL, Feb. 2.

Agricultural implements which it is claimed may revolutionise the entire field of cultivation are stated to have been invented in the Bhopal State laboratory by Mr. Zafar Ali Khan, Director of Agriculture and State chemist. These are a new plough-Bukhar provided with a seat and a new "Bhopal" drill for sowing wheat and possibly even other Rabi crops. The new plough-Bukhar, it is claimed, is more efficient in timesaving and bullock power than the ploughs or Bukhars now generally used in the country and it is further claimed that it reduces the cost of cultivation by half. It is also learnt that the cost of the new plough-Bukhar would make it suitable for every poor and ordinary cultivator.

The new 'Bhopal' drill, which, it is understood has been inspected and highly commended by the Director of the Imperial Agricultural Institute, Delhi during a visit to the State Laboratory has so far been used for sowing wheat (which forms 50 to 55 per cent of the total cultivated area in Bhopal.) It is stated to have resulted in a yield twice or three times of that by the normal (Desi) method. Figures for local dry wheat farming show that normally the wield is four to five times the amount sown, bringing the state cultivators about two crores of rupees.—A. P.

SIND HINDU LEADERS TO CONFER

KARACHI, Feb. 3.

Problems facing the Hindus of Sind were to-day considered at a meeting convened by Hon. Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, Revenue Minister, at which a resolution was adopted empowering him to call an emergent Conference of about 100 leading and influential Hindus all over Sind on February 8 at Hyderabad (Sind).—A.P.

VOTE FOR KHANDRAY

An appeal to the voters of Ward No. 13 (Byculla) to support the candidature of Mr. Balkrishna Madhavrao Khandray, who has been nominated as the Official Congress Candidate for the ensuing Municipal by-election in that ward has been issued over the signatories of the following persons:—Messrs. K. J. Borkar, S. L. Silam, V. A. Karapurkar, Khimji M. Bhojpuria, M. Idrus, M. Yunus Bashir, Meghji Vijpal Ghaisla, Joachim Alva, K. G. Tambe, Dr. F. Marquis, Messrs. V. G. Tamanhe, R. S. Wagh, Dr. S. V. Saluke, Messrs. J. W. Gomes, A. N. Sheikh, R. B. Raut, Dr. G. A. Rane, Messrs B. B. Kale, Bhiwaji Atmaram Pawar, Krishnaji Pandurang Ghodke, R. S. Nimbkar, Saiebhai Abdul Kadar, N. S. Kajrolkar, V. B. Worlikar, M. E. Ansari, N. Abbasi, Hiralal Jayaing Dave, Mrs. Violet Alva, Mr. Gulam Nabi, Dr. S. Patrao, Mr. Elijah Jacob, Dr. K. V. Save, Dr. V. B. Korgaonkar, Messrs. Mohomed Yakub, V. G. Sonpatki, A. S. Hussaini, Govindrao Yeshwantrao, Shah Raishi Poonshi, G. L. Nevase, Ganpat Shankerrao Jadhav and R. D. Singh.

Popularising Hand-Spinning In City

Bombay: Feb. 4.

Plans in connection with the popularising of hand-spinning in the City of Bombay were discussed by the Volunteer Organisation Sub-Committee appointed by the Khadi Board which met at the Congress House this evening. The Sub-Committee is expected to submit a scheme for enrolment of workers in every ward for helping the Board in popularising the Charkha.

Victoria Rupees And Half Rupees

As already notified by the Government of India, Victoria rupees and half-rupees, which are being withdrawn from circulation, will be legal tender only up till March 31 next, though for a further six months—till September 30, 1941—they will be accepted at all Government Treasuries and Post Offices.

After October 1, 1941, they will be accepted until further notice at the offices of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India at Bombay and Calcutta.

It is, therefore, advisable for all holders of Victoria rupees and half-rupees to present them for payment as early as possible in order to save themselves from inconvenience.

BOMBAY WAR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Loud Speaker Programme for to-day (Thursday).

MARATHI: 8-00 a.m. Recorded Music. 8-05 News Bulletin. 8-20 Recorded Music, 8-25 "Our War Effort"—A Talk, 8-30 Recorded Music. 8-35 "Nazi conspiracy in Rumania"—A Talk. 6-30 p.m. Recorded Music, 6-35 "Petains helplessness A Talk, 6-40 Recorded Music, 6-45 News Bulletin, 7-00 Recorded Music. 7-05 "Hitler's invasion"—A Talk.

GUJERATI: 11-00 a.m. Recorded Music, 11-05 News Bulletin, 11-20 Recorded Music, 11-25 "Join the Forces of Defence"—A Talk, 11-30 Recorded Music, 11-35 "Comforts for Indian Soldiers and Sailors"—A Talk. 4-30 p.m. Recorded Music, 4-35 "Japan's cruelty in China"—A Talk, 4-40 Recorded Music, 4-45 News Bulletin, 5-00 Recorded Music, 5-05 "Victory honours to Indian troops"—A Talk.

HINDUSTANI: 6-00 p.m. Recorded Music, 6-05 "Join the Forces of Defence"—A Talk, 6-10 Recorded Music. 6-15 "Comforts for Indian Soldiers and Sailors"—A Talk, 6-20 Recorded Music, 6-25 News Bulletin, 6-40 Recorded Music, 6-45 "Victory honours to Indian Troops"—A Talk, 6-50 Recorded Music, 6-55 "Defeat of Nazi diplomacy and Italian Military might"—A Talk.

PORT TRUST TO ELECTRIFY ITS ESTATES

Grants To J. J. & G. T. Hospitals' Nursing Associations

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on 4th February grants of Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,500 were made to the Nursing Associations of the J. J. and G. T. Hospitals respectively for the year 1940-41.

In pursuance of a scheme for lighting the northern bunders and roads on Port Trust Estates, an expenditure of Rs. 46,200 was sanctioned for lighting Signal Hill Avenue, Hay Bunder and cross roads; sanction was also accorded to carry out repairs to certain fuel oil pipe-lines in Alexandra Dock at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,500.

The Board decided to continue the rebates of rents of leaseholds and other tenancies, which were introduced in 1933 as a temporary measure owing to trade depression for one more year upto 31st March 1942 on the same terms and conditions. The relief afforded by these concessions to Port Trust lessees and tenants during the year ended 31st March 1940 amounted to about Rs. 4,08,830.

LABOUR MEMBER GREETS BEVIN BOYS

The Hon. Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Member-in-Charge of the Labour Department, Government of India, has sent the following telegram to Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary to the Labour Department, Government of India who is now in Bombay.

"Please convey to the 'Bevin Boys' my warmest greetings and best wishes for a happy and safe return."—United Press.

"DAWAT-UL-ILLAH" PROSCRIBED BY H. E. H. NIZAM

(From Our Correspondent.)
HYDERABAD, (By Mail.)

It is understood that the Hyderabad Geological Department conducted experiments on stack evaporation methods and have proved that large quantities of salt can be produced at comparatively low cost on the scale of cottage industry, and can form a supplementary occupation to agriculturists. It is also said that an enquiry conducted by the combined efforts of the Geological Survey and Industries Department in Raichur and Gulbarga districts have proved that besides edible and tanning salts, there is scope to manufacture soda ash, nitre, calcium sulphate, etc., from several places.

BOOK PROSCRIBED.

A Firman has been issued by His Exalted Highness proscribing a book entitled "Dawat-ul-Illah" (A message from God) written by Moulana Siddeek Deendar Chennabasaweshwer of Hyderabad. It is said that the book contains objectionable material and very recently there was a serious controversy in the local vernacular press about the writings of the said Moulana.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung Bahadur, President of the States Muslim League who was to leave for Bombay 'en route' to Frontiers on a propaganda tour on behalf of the Muslim League, has postponed due to certain other engagements he has at Hyderabad. He is however leaving for Delhi by 8th February to preside over the Working Committee Meeting of the States Muslim League to be held there.

JAMNADAS TO CONTEST ON DEMOCRATIC SWARAJ TICKET

POONA, Feb. 5.

It is understood that Mr. Jamnadas Mehta will be the only candidate on the Democratic Swaraj Party ticket to contest the elections for one of the two seats in the Central Legislature declared vacant by the Governor-General from the central division of the Bombay Province.—A. P

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS NOT GOING ON LEAVE

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" writes:

A report was circulated by the Berlin short-wave radio to the effect that Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, would be starting shortly on "prolonged leave" which would probably be the first step towards his resignation.

In fact, Sir Stafford Cripps has not applied for leave and there is no reason to suppose that he contemplates leaving his post in Moscow. On the contrary it was recently understood that Lady Cripps was leaving England with a view to joining her husband in Moscow.

The policy pursued by Sir Stafford since he went to Moscow is known to be fully endorsed by the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. It may therefore be assumed that the Berlin report is no more than another example of wishful thinking.

Kathiawar Princes Confer

Discuss Plans To Intensify War Efforts

(From Our Correspondent.)
RAJKOT, Feb. 5.

The Princes of Kathiawar met in a Conference at Morvi, yesterday, with the Jam Saheb in the chair. Several leading Princes of Kathiawar attended the meeting. Mir Maq Bul Khan, Secretary of the Princes' Chamber, was also present.

It is said the Princes have taken stock of the present political situation in India, and have reported to have decided to offer active help to Government, if called upon. They also discussed ways and means to intensify war efforts and extend greater aid.

According to the same report, it is further learned that there has been unanimity of opinion amongst the Princes, as to the point, that reforms, unacceptable to certain Princes, should not be introduced, unless reference is made to the Kathiawar Princes' meeting.

"PRAYER FOR INDIA"

Churches In Delhi To Offer Continuous Prayer From Morning Till Night

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

A day of prayer for India will be observed on Thursday, February 6, in some of the Christian churches in Delhi and New Delhi, says the Chaplain of New Delhi in a letter to the Press. In some churches prayers will be offered continually for twelve hours from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m. He says: "All who have India's welfare at heart are invited to attend such of these services as they can and to spend some time in silent prayer in one or other of the churches.—A. P.

GWALIOR'S RURAL UPLIFT SCHEME

Minister May Meet Mahatma In Wardha

WARDHA, Feb. 5.

Mr. Takhatmal Jalori, Minister for Local Self-Government (in charge of the Rural Uplift Department), Gwalior State, arrived here for studying the rural uplift scheme. The Gwalior Government has sanctioned Rs. 2,50,000 for this scheme.

Mr. Takhatmal is likely to meet Mahatma Gandhi during his stay here.—United Press.

COMET SEEN IN BHOPAL

BHOPAL, Feb. 5.

A comet with a two-yard tail was observed here yesterday night after sunset in a west-south direction.—A. P.

HANDLOOM COMMITTEE TO TOUR E. & S. INDIA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Members of the Fact Finding Committee on the Handloom and Mill Industries, presided over by Dr. P. J. Thomas, are leaving to-day on a two-months tour during which they will visit Eastern and Southern India.

They reach Lucknow to-morrow and stay there till the 8th, proceed to Patna, where they remain till the 10th and arrive at Calcutta on the 11th. From there they start on an extensive tour of South India visiting Nagpur, Madras, Mysore and Bombay returning to Delhi on April 3.—A. P.

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ZANANA SHOW TO-DAY 1-15 P. M.

NAVYUG Marital Comedy-Hit

'LAGNA PAHAWE KAROON'

(HUNT FOR A HUSBAND)

7TH WEEK AT NEW WEST END

DAILY 4, 7, 10 P. M.

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ACTIVITIES OF AXIS AGENTS IN SYRIA

Rumanians Commissioned To Arrange Barter Agreement

The Cairo correspondent of the "Times" cables:

Although Germany and Italy appear to have relinquished the idea of using Syria "militarily" and a large portion of the former French army has now been dispersed, Axis agents are active there in the economic field.

The large Italian Mission composed of 40 members has been very unsuccessful. They are all well-known to Syrians who do not want to have anything to do with them: further they have nothing to offer.

The Germans are using subtler methods and two agents, either Rumanians working for the Nazis or Germans passing off as Rumanians are now endeavouring to arrange a barter agreement under which they would take silk and wool in exchange for petrol.

This offer has its attractions for Syria, where petrol is now almost non-existent, but it seems at the least a hazardous business proposition, as the question arises how Germany intends to supply and what amount she has free for export. These are matters on which the agents will probably have difficulty in furnishing convincing assurances.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Peshawar Express	6-15	22 45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8 55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chhoki	9 30	20 15
Madras Express	10-15	14 30
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12 30	17 40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21 00
Poona Express	19 30	08-05
Allahabad Express	20-25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21 45	13 10

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	7-25	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
The Flying Ranee, Bulsar	*9 15	15-35
The Flying Ranee, Surat	*9 48	15-10
The Flying Ranee, Surat) (Except Monday)	10 58	00-00
The Flying Ranee, Surat (Except Saturday)	00 00	13-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9 00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, these trains will run on Tuesday.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 5.

The British Food Ministry bought 5,000 tons groundnuts, 2,500 East Coast and 2,500 tons West Coast, but there was no effect on the market.

Groundnuts May opened at Rs. 26/12 and declined to Rs. 26/10 on Kathiawar selling, but later on steadied at Rs. 26/11 on Cash basis business was done at Rs. 5/3 and local Mills bought bold at Rs. 25/8/5 and 25/12 and Khandesh at Rs. 26/4. Madras quotation was Rs. 21/4.

Castorseeds were quiet. May opened at Rs. 31/6 and declined to Rs. 31/4 with scattered buying from Gujarat.

Cottonseed May opened at Rs. 18/11 and improved to Rs. 18/11/6 on buying by Palej operators but later declined to Rs. 18/11. Local sentiment is bearish.

Linseed May opened at Rs. 4/14 and declined to Rs. 4/13/9. Ready quotation was Rs. 6/6/6. There was moderate hedge selling.

Wheat May was quoted at Rs. 3/13/3 and Picci at Rs. 5/9, while Karachi Bangla was placed at Rs. 5/13. The tone was quietly steady.

Govt. Orders For Bengal Cotton Industry

CALCUTTA: Feb. 5.

Prospects of Bengal cotton mills getting a good share in the orders for textile stores emanating from the Indian Stores Department and the Department of Supply were discussed by the Executive Committee of the Bengal Millowners' Association with Lt.-Col. J. R. Marriot, Controller of Supplied, Bengal, at a recent meeting here.

The Committee also met Mr. S. C. Mitter, Director of Industries.

Discussions also related to the Central Government's decision to subject coal-tar dyes to the import trade control and other matters.—A. P.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London: Feb. 4.

	£
INDIAN STERLING LOANS—	
3 per cent	83
3 1/2 per cent	96
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	101 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	105 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	109 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	103 1/2
Indian Sterling Loans—	£
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	112 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	104 1/4
3 per cent 1949/52	98 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	77 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	113 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: Feb. 4.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£ 68
Indian Stocks—	£
3 per cent 1948	83
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	96
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	109 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	77 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	104 1/2
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	103 1/2
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	113 3/4
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	110 3/4
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	8 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London register	81
National Bank of India	31 3/4

Spot House Selling In N. Y. Cotton Market

ROUTINE PRICE-FIXING AND HEDGING

Talk Of Record Monthly Consumption

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.

On Tuesday the New York cotton market was quiet on spot house selling. There was routine price-fixing and scattered hedging.

The market looks for a record January Consumption figure but there were reports that the Washington Administration may license exports.

Bombay: Feb. 5.

For the first time we hear of possibility for licensing exports in the United States of cotton. The defence programme is resulting in large orders for textiles and some time back we had fears of inflation. Possibly with a view to put a check on any undue speculative activity there may be talk for licensing exports. However, it may be noted that no country will like to restrict exports when stocks are plentiful and to reduce them there is a move to raise smaller crop next season.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady on Tuesday. There was routine price-fixing in nears which met light hedge selling. Talk of a record monthly domestic consumption in January aroused interest. But finally spot house selling appeared. There were reports that the Administration may license exports which induced scattered liquidation in October.

At the opening March was quoted 2 pts down at 10.34 and improved to 10.36 which was the highest level. Later on there was increased selling and March declined to 10.32, which was the lowest level. Distant months were easier and the market closed at a net decline of 3 to 7 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 4 pts at 10.87c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also quiet with a slightly increased selling and closed at a net decline of 2 to 6 pts. Spot cotton price closed 2 pts lower at 10.11c per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 2 pts with March 8 31. The market was quiet. There was moderate demand for distant months. There was small trade calling and the session was featureless and finally closed at a rise of 1 to 2 points. Middling American spot cotton price was unchanged at 9.58d per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

The Egyptian cotton ring was neglected and there was restricted business. Uppers futures closed one point down and Giza futures lost 4 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 10.36 (10 46 a.m.) Lowest 10.32—04 (2-58 p.m.)

Liverpool March highest 8 31+02; Lowest 8.29.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York.—Business small. Trade not eager to buy. Market featureless.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 4.

March	10.32—04
May	10.32—03
July	10.21—03
October	9.71—06
December	9.66—07
January	9.63—07
Middling Spot	10.87—04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans: Feb. 4.

March	10.36—02
May	10.36—04
July	10.25—05
October	9.74—06
December	9.69—05
Middling Spot	10.11—02

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 4.

11 a.m. Ranges.	Noon	Call
March	10.34	10.35
May	10.36	10.36
July	10.23	10.24

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York: Feb. 4.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	8,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	Nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	8,000 bales
Day's exports to China and Japan	1,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool: Feb. 4.

March	8.30+01
May	8.33+01
July	8.34+02
October	8.24+01
December	8.22+01
Middling Spot	8.58

11 a.m. QUOTATIONS

March	8.31

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES

TOTAL UNITS GENERATED

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., the Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd. and the Tata Power Company, Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations (Khopoli, Bhivpuri and Bhira) of the Hydro Group were as follows:—

5th Week (ended February 4th)—

1939	13,777,300
1940	15,306,200
1941	17,787,200
Total for 5 Weeks (1st Jan. to date)—	
1939	69,974 600
1940	72,024,600
1941	86,870,700

For the calendar month of Jan. 1941 the total units of energy generated at the three Stations amounted to 77,495,100 and the total units sold by the three Companies to 66,837,328.

SHIPPING NEWS.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 5.

30 cases chutney in bottles M M Poonjiaji and Co; 10 cases brassware Thos Cook and Son Ltd; 150 bags sandlewood Sorabji Nowroji and Co; 109 bales cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 10 bales cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 50 bales cotton pcegoods C Ujamseebhoy; 104 bales cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 121 bales cotton pcegoods Virchand Panachand and Co; 20 bales cotton g m twnst Virchand Panachand and Co; 60 bales grey cotton yarn C Kasturchand; 58 bales grey cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton Konishi and Co Ltd; 134 bags almond kernels M Bhuta and Co; 2000 pkts gr nut kernels M Bhuta and Co; 150 bales raw cotton J M Dave and Co; 300 bales raw cotton Kotak and Co; 575 bags dill seed Habib Rawji Co; 230 bags coriander seed Habib Rawji Co; 116 bags turmeric Habib Rawji Co; 70 bags rapeseed Habib Rawji Co; 325 bags cummin seed Habib Rawji Co; 5100 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 200 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 160 d/bags lactic casein The Midland Trading Co.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 5.

3087 pcs saraya planks; 4070 bags betelnuts; 2347 bags copra; 1599 bags empty glass bottles; 150 bags glue; 100 bags chestnuts; 405 bundles rattans; 1275 bundles cassia; 39 bundles hexagonal brass rods; 690 bundles brass rods; 2438 bundles flat bar; 83 pkgs auto parts and aces; 582 pkgs bolts and nuts; 37 pkgs broken glass, 103 pkgs m i pip fittings; 500 bundles sugarcandy; 31 pkgs matting; 38 cases raw silk; 72 cases ctn and rayon mxd pcegoods; 38 cases nut buttons; 140 cases rivets; 50 cases arsenic acid; 156 cases brass circles; 48 cases metal paper; 300 cases beer; 25 cases silk yarn; 70 cases chrome alum; 75 cases silk pcegoods; 30 cases cotton yarn; 935 cases glassware; 43 cases rayon goods; 72 cases wln pcegoods; 69 cases cotton goods; 234 cases padlock; 51 cases porcelainware; 65 cases paper; 75 cases fibre pcegoods; 30 cases wln yarn; 74 cases elect goods; 46 cases weaving machy and aces; 700 cases potassium chlorate; 1357 cases rayon pcegoods; 1091 cases rayon yarn; 39 cases brass rods; 40 cases brass sheathing; 45 cases brass sheets; 43 cases cotton socks; 100 cases iron nails; 35 cases crown corks; 30 cases night lamp; 30 cases cotton and rayon mxd yarn; 90 cases steel hinges; 70 cases torches; 85 cases waste spun silk yarn; 88 cases preserves; 82 cases sewing needles; 26 cases thermos; 40 cases tartar ematic powder; 100 cases iron blue shoe tacks; 57 cases wood screws; 33 cases elect bulbs; 295 cases panel pins; 956 cases cut tacks; 25 cases flash light bulbs; 27 cases paper boards; 44 cases steel narrow butts; 40 bkts roots; 60 pkgs gelatine; 714 bales old newspaper; 100 casks sodium hyposulphite; 100 drums bleaching powder; 329 pkgs paints dyes and colours; 37 bales cotton fents; 231 cts ply-chest wood; 188 drums cocoanut oil; 190 bales staple fibre yarn; 723 bales cotton pcegoods; 443 bales cotton.

LONDON RUBBER

London: Feb. 4.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. 12-9/16.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 31st day of January, 1941.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	15,49,34,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	229,81,52,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	15,23,11,000
Total Notes issued	260,53,97,000
Total Liabilities	260,53,97,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 69.065 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	...
Sterling Securities	135,50,11,000
Total of A.	179,91,54,000
B. Rupee Coin	31,01,59,000
Govt. of India Rupee Securities	49,60,84,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial paper	...
Total Assets	260,53,97,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 31st January, 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt. of India	20,26,31,000
(2) Government of Burma	3,16,16,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	6,67,35,000
(b) Banks	46,87,71,000
(c) Others	1,12,22,000
Bills Payable	68,78,000
Other Liabilities	3,43,60,000
Rupees	91,22,13,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	15,33,32,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma	
Rupee Coin	16,02,000
Subsidiary Coin	7,17,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	3,05,000
(a) Internal	...
(b) External	...
(c) Government Treasury Bills	16,74,000
Balances held abroad*	67,00,80,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	...
Other Loans and Advances	5,00,000
Investments	7,17,66,000
Other Assets	1,22,37,000
Rupees	91,22,13,000

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay: Feb. 5.

	Rs.as.ps.
Castorseeds May—	
Opening	31 6 0
Highest	31 13 0
Lowest	31 2 0
Closing	31 13 0
Groundnuts February—	
Opening	25 12 6
Highest	26 0 0
Lowest	25 12 0
Closing	26 0 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	18 10 0
Highest	19 0 0
Lowest	18 10 0
Closing	18 15 3
Groundnuts May—	
Opening	26 11 6
Highest	26 15 0
Lowest	26 10 0
Closing	26 15 0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Feb. 4.

T T London on New York 4.02 1/2-4.03 1/2. Madrid (official) 40.50, Montreal 4.43/4.47, Berne 17.30/17.40, Stockholm 16.85/16.95.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 5.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 97-2
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95-2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-4
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-4
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-9
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-3
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-10
3 per cent War Bonds 100-14
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113-8

TAX FREE LOANS.

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-6-6
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 114-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 108
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 116
6 per cent M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent K P T 1956 127

Tone: Steady to firm.

MUHARRAM HOLIDAY

City Markets will remain closed on Saturday, the 8th inst. being "Muharram" holiday.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Following a decline of 4 pts in New York cotton futures the local market opened today at Rs. 187/8 for Broach A/M and declined to Rs. 187 under scattered selling. At the decline there was moderate short covering and prices rallied to Rs. 188/4 and steadied at Rs. 188.

The market was quietly steady and the present reaction as a result of long liquidation is again improving the technical situation.

Prices advanced to Rs. 189, but later declined to Rs. 187. Liverpool opened 2 pts down and in the local market Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 190/4 with increased buying. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach April/May	Rs. 189/8
F G M G Broach July/August	Rs. 192/12
Fine M G Oomra March	Rs. 153/12
Fine M G Oomra May	Rs. 155/12
Fine M G Oomra July	Rs. 157/12
F G M G Bengal March	Rs. 126/4
F G M G Bengal May	Rs. 127/8

COTTON ROOM RATES.

Bombay: Feb. 5.

	Extra Spr-fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P	133	131	128	126	
M G Punjab	133	131	128	126	
M G Rajputana	139	137	134	132	
M G Oomra No. 3	159	156	153	150	...
M G C. P. No. 1	178	175	172	169	...
M G C. P. No. 2	166	163	160	157	...

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Approx. quotations.	Ready.	Delry contract.
Bengal Fine	125/28	
Berar	146/53	
C. P. 1	173	
C. P. 2	156/53	
Khandesh	126/33	
Muglai	137/39	Feb. March
Broach		+10 +7
Punjab S G 289F	317/27	
Punjab R G 289F	287/297	
Punjab R G 4F	222/27	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

Bombay: Feb. 5.

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh	290	62,218	47,610
Central India	2,130	63,705	56,934
Barsi and Nagar	948	61,458	93,830
Hyderabad/Gaorani	170	20,986	38,958
Berar	1,873	206,990	246,697
Central Provinces		35,483	52,786
Total Oomra	5,411	450,640	506,815
Dholeras	973	28,714	29,450
N.-W. Provinces		806	21,701
Rajputana	69	2,653	22,984
Sind-Punjab	643	250,598	268,409
Broach	73	13,276	27,761
Coompta and Dharwar		28,296	14,530
Westerns-Northerns		29,149	16,114
Cocoanada		239	50
Tinnevelly & Cambodia		522	1,309
Total	7,169	804,893	909,123
Arrived by road to 30th Jan. 1941		122,250	118,248

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 401 penny points at 1/6.

Broach J/A below Liverpool July 395 penny points at 1/6.

Broach A/M below New York May 308 cent points at 331.

Broach J/A below New York July 284 cent points at 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: Feb. 4.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach A/M	191 1/4	187 1/2	188 1/4
Broach J/A	194 1/2	191 1/4	191 1/2
Oomra March	156	152	152 3/4
Oomra May	157 3/4	154	154 1/2
Oomra July	159 3/4	156	156 3/4
Bengal March	128 3/4	126	126
Bengal May	129 3/4	127	127

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool: Feb. 4.

UPPERS. GIZA	No. 2
Spot	11.04+1 12.01+1
March	10.35—1 10.98—4
May	10.38—1 10.98—4
July	10.41—1 10.97—4
November	10.36—1 10.99—4

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Wheat May	0 5 0
Linseed May	0 7 0
Groundnut May	2 2 0
Castorseed May	2 4 0
Cottonseed May	1 4 0
Silver 1st Settlement	0 8 0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1 0 0
Gold 1st Settlement	0 2 0
Gold 2nd Settlement	0 5 0

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay: Feb. 5.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:— Rs.as.ps.

Pepper ready Alleppey per candy	75 0 0
Pepper Maha Sud per candy	75 4 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy	77 12 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy	80 0 0
Ginger bleached per cwt	15 0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15 per cwt	13 12 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt	13 12 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Yellow metal sheet	Rs. 70/0
Copper sheets	Rs. 82/8

Tone:—Steady.

LINSEED & WHEAT

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Linseed May	4 14 0
Wheat May	3 13 3

Kohinoor Mill Shares Record Sharp Rise

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Steel And Textile Issues Very Steady

Bombay: Feb. 5.

After yesterday's activity and impressive buying the local Share Bazar ruled fairly steady. Buyers were less eager but there was selective buying in cotton mill shares. Market leaders failed to attract more support and quotations fluctuated within a comparatively narrow range. But the undertone was steady with moderate support.

Kohinoor and Simplex Mill shares firmed up on professional support but Bombay Dyeings moved within a narrow range.

While the background of uncertainties remains unchanged majority of stocks was fractionally higher on the Wall Street market under modest bidding on the theory that a temporary technical rally is overdue. U. S. Steel shares closed 1/4 up at 61-3/4 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares declined to 23 5/8 dollars.

The local market is awaiting the Budget which will be out by the end of the month. Speculative interest is also limited and while most of the dealers will prefer even accounts prior to the Budget, the course of the price will be irregular with increased support on all sharp setbacks.

Towards the close there was increased buying and the market exhibited firmer tendency. Steel shares were in better demand and Cotton Mill shares reached new high levels. Bombay Dyeings which were neglected during the early part also hardened, while Kohinoors registered a sharp rise with active professional support.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1097 and advanced to Rs. 1110 and closed at Rs. 1107. Century Mill shares opened at Rs. 378 and advanced to Rs. 383. Central Indias hardened to Rs. 307/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 392 and gained Rs. 15 at Rs. 407. Simplex shares hardened to Rs. 107/8 and New Greats were placed at Rs. 416.

Associated Cement shares were steady at Rs. 137/8. Andhra shares advanced to Rs. 1755 and Tata Powers closed at Rs. 1580 after opening at Rs. 1590. Trams were unchanged and Hydros closed at Rs. 178.

Among Banks, Centrals were quoted at Rs. 44/6 and Baroda at Rs. 106. India Bank shares were steady at Rs. 143 and Unions were quoted at Rs. 6/10.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1935 and after advancing to Rs. 1950 closed at Rs. 1947. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 376 and closed at Rs. 379. Indian Irons were quiet at Rs. 31/10. Bellapurs improved to Rs. 207/8 and Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 543 and advanced to Rs. 552.

It is understood that the Bombay Stock Exchange now allows forward sales against shares taken delivery through the Clearing House after the 23rd May, 1940.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Bombay Dyeing (1105) 1097 1095 1106 1102 1111 1107

Century (381) 378 381 379 385 383/8

Central India (304/8) 303 305 304/8 307/8

Kohincor (394) 392 399 402 406 407

New Great (417) 416 414 417 416

Simplex (106) 106 105/8 107/8

Swadeshi (270/8) 270 271 270/8 273 274

Associated Cement (136/4) 136/4 137/8

Andhra (1730) 1755

Tram Ordinary (132) 132

Tata Hydro (177) 178

Tata Power (1582/8) 1590 1580 1585 1580

Tata Steel Defd (1942/8) 1935 1937 1932 1947 1937 1952 1950 1947

Tata Steel Ordinary (377) 376 377 376 379 377 380 379

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (148) 148/4 148/8

Bellapur (206/8) 206 207

Bombay Steam (321) 321

Bombay Burma (546/4) 543 546 545 553 552

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 5.

100	Ahm. Advance	280 0
250	BUMBAY DYEING	1107 8
100	CENTURY	383 8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	307 8
100	COLABA	173 8
100	Coorla	102 8
250	David	30 0
250	Dawn	342 8
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 9 6
100	FINLAY	179 8
100	GOKAK	214 0
1000	Hindustan	1985 0
100	Indore	58 0
100	Khatau	150 0
100	KOHINOOR	407 0
250	LAXMI	527 8
100	MORARJI	219 0
250	Model	78 0
50	MYSORE	112 0
200	NEW GREAT	416 0
100	Oosmanshahi	N 46 0
100	Phoenix	260 0
25	Sassoon Silk	86 0
1000	Sholapur	2865 0
50	SIMPLEX	107 8
100	SWADESHI	274 0
100	SWAN	165 8
500	Vishnu	1275 0
1000	Western	1050 0

BANKS

50-100	BARODA	106 0
25-50	CENTRAL	44 6
500	IMPERIAL	1562 8
125-500	Imp. Contrys.	386 4
50-100	India	143 0
100	RESERVE BANK	105 8
5	UNION	6 10

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	137 8

INSURANCE

100	Empire	612 0
15-100	JUPITER	13 6
20	Mercantile	65 0
15-75	NEW INDIA	42 0
200	Oriental	2905 0
10-50	Vulcan	8 2

ELECTRIC

100	AHMD. OLD	179 6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1755 0
10	AJMER	11 14
50	BOMBAY TRAM	132 0
100	Bombay Suburban	185 0
10	Broach	13 10
100	Karachi	213 8
100	Poona	215 0
100	Surat	173 12
100	TATA HYDRO	178 0
1000	TATA POWER	1580 0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	988 12
100	C. Province	102 0
100	Dhond Baramati	102 0
100	Gujarat X. D.	103 8
100	Mandra Bhon	103 0
100	Pachora Jamner	63 0
100	Sara Sirajgunj	104 0
500	Tapti Valley	691 4

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	5 4
8sh	Indian Copper	2 3
10	Indian Iron and Steel	31 10
10	SHIVRAJPUR	36 4
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1947 8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	379 0
10	Steel Corporation	19 10

MISCELLANEUUS

100	ALCOCK	567 8
10	Air Service	N 3 4
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	207 8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	N 590 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	321 4
125	B BURMA	552 8
50	B. Burma Cont.	186 14
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3 6 9

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 1/2 at New York.

London spot Silver was unchanged at 23-5/16d and forward quotation was also unchanged at 23 5/16d. In the absence of any important business the market was steady. New York spot silver was unchanged at 34-3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 3 5/16. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62/3/6. The local market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover. Prices fluctuated within a narrow range and were as under:—

Ready Gold Rs. 42/0/9; Silver Rs. 62/14/6
Maha: Gold Rs. 42/1/3; Silver Rs. 62/13/0
Sovereigns: Rs. 28/7.

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 4.

Spot	23 5/16
Forward	23 5/16

LONDON GOLD

London: Feb. 4.

Gold bars fine per Oz	£8/8/0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—
Shipment December Rs. 8/12 F.B.H.
Shipment March Rs. 8/10 F.B.H.

Indian Sugars Ready—
Ready ordinary Rs. 14/5 to 14/9
Ready large grain Rs. 14/10 to 15/12.

Tone:—Steady.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Yesterday's firm tone continued to-day also with the sentiment inclined to be bullish. Tata Deferreds opened slightly lower at 1880 and advanced to 1892/8, while Tata Ordinaries opened at 370/8 and moved up to 373. There was a further improvement in Textile shares Bombay Dyeings being quoted appreciably higher at 1062/8. Indian Irons kept steady around 31/10.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1885) 1880 90 85 92/8
Tata Ordinaries (371) 370/8 72/8 71 73
Bombay Dyeings (1050) 1047/8 1062/8
Tata Ordinary 373, Tata Deferred 1892/8, Indian Iron 31/10, Bombay Dyeing 1062/8, Century 367/8, Central India 291/4, Kohinoor 390, Associated Cement 134, Bombay Burma 538/12, Scindia Steam 22, Tata Hydro 175/10, Reserve Bank 105/8, Imperial Bank F P 1565, Central Bank 44/6, Bank of India 142/12, 3 1/2 per cent Paper 95/4.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 5.

LONDON:—

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 4th Aug.
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 4th Aug.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 4th Aug.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 two months

NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 332 3/4
Bank's buying T T 329 3/4
Bank's buying D D 328

JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal
Bank's buying T T 77 nominal
Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal

JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 55 3/4

HUNGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 86 1/4

SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 21

SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATES:—
Hongkong/London 1/3 1/32 5th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/3 1/2 5th inst.
New York/London 4.03 1/4 4th inst.
London/Java 7.58/62 4th inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 4th inst.
London/Switzerland 17.30/40 4th inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 4th inst.
London/Japan 1/2 1/2 4th inst.
London/Canada 4.43/47 4th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet near. Steady forward.

Gold £8/8/0 4th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 5/16 4th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 5/16 4th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 3rd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 4th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 4th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call unlendable.
3 months 1/2 per cent.
6 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone: Very easy.

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Army, Navy & Air Force Comforts Funds.
Royal Indian Navy.
Indian Comforts Fund (for Lascars.)

NEW YORK COTTON ONE POINT DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
MARCH 1941
New York, Feb 5

Previous closing	10.32
To-day's opening	10.31
Difference	—01
To-day's closing	10.31
Difference	—01

BROACH EXPECTATION

April/May	Rs. 189-6
July/August	Rs. 192-8

LIVERPOOL COTTON
MARCH 1941
Liverpool, Feb 5

Previous closing	8.30
To-day's opening	8.29
Difference	—02
To-day's closing	8.30
Difference	nil.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb 5

The New York cotton was moderately active on stray trade and local buying, better Bombay cables also stimulated the sentiment.

Trading in March began at 10.31 i.e. one point lower than the last closing. Prices early eased under March liquidation but thereafter improved on increased trade support creating a better feeling.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton :—
March (10.34/34) 10.31/31
May (10.35/34) 10.30/30
July (10.23/23) 10.20/19

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market :—
American March (8.31) 8.29
American May (8.34) 8.32
Egyptian Giza March (11.01) 10.98
Egyptian Giza May (11.01) 10.98

LONDON COMMODITIES
London, Feb 5

Castorseeds January February unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta February March (£18 9/16 quoted) £18 9/16 quoted
Linseed La Plata March (£11 1/2 quoted) £11 1/2 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£17 1/4 quoted £17 1/4 quoted
JUTES
Dundee January (£45) £45
Lightning (£40) £40
RUBBER
Spot (12 5/8d paid and value) 12 1/2d paid and value
Forward January March (12 5/8d value) 12 1/2d value
LONDON METALS
Tin (£256 1/4 buyers; £255 1/2 sellers. Quiet) £256 buyers; £256 1/4 sellers. Steady.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHNGE

Prices Harden Up

CALCUTTA, Feb 5

The market was very steady and a good deal of trading centred round Cottons, Teas, Engineering issues and Sugar shares at hardening prices. Jute and Coal shares showed no material alterations while Government securities kept fairly steady.

The following were closing quotations :—
Government securities : 3 per cent G P 82/2; 3 per cent loan 1963/65 94/8 small lot; 2 1/2 per cent G O P 95/4; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 102/8 small lot; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 108/5; 3 per cent new loan 1946 109/15; 5 per cent U P Bonds 1944 106/12 small lot.

Banks : Central 44 ct; Reserve Bank 105; Bengal Provincial Railway Re. 1.

Cottons : Benares Cotton and Silk 2/12; Bengal Nagpur 14/8; Bowreah ord 262; Bowreah pref 210; Dunbar 213/8; Elgin Mills 13/12; Kesoram 6/14; Cawnpore Tex 6/6; Muir Mills 302; Mohini 11/12; New Victoria Ord 2/2.

Coals : Bhulan Bararee 12/4; Hurriladih 13/4; Munduipore 9/14; Sendra 12/10; Burrakur 13/10 ct; Khas Kajora pref 13/6 ct; Raneegunge 26/2; Seebpore 24/4 p.m. small lot.

Jutes : Agarpara 24/12; Bally 220/8; Belvedere 382; Anglo-India 313 small lt; do pref 170; Adamjee 20/2; Birla 25/10; Calcutta Jute ord 14/12 ct; Dalhousie 298/8; Gourepore 652; Hooghly 54; odd lot; Hukumchand 9/3; Hukumchand pref 117; Howrah 49/12; Kamarhatty 461; Kankinarrah 370 small lot; Megna 36/12; National 21/2; Nuddea 65/8; Northbrook 32/8; Naskarpara 17/4; Presidency 4/6; Reliance 53/8; Rameshwara pref 10/9.

Miscellaneous : Burma Corpn 5/4; Indian Copper 2/2; Rhodesia Copper annas 12; Alkali and Chemical ord 18/14; do pref 120/8; ex right; Frank Ross 4/11; Mozafferpore Elec 12/8; Braithwaite and Co 10/13; Britannia Eng 10/12; Burn and Co 6 per cent pref 146/8; Indian Steel and Wire Products 55/8 small lot; Hukumchand Steel ord 11/2; do defd 3/1; Indian Malleable Casting 7/13; odd lot; Indian St. Wagon Pref 153; Indian Iron and Steel 31/7; National Iron and Steel 31/7; National Iron and Steel 8/4; Kumardhubi Eng 4/14; Steel Corpn 19/8; do pref 114; Bararee Coke 19/8; B I Corpn ord 4/15; Dunlop Rubber 35/8 small odd lot; Indian Cables 22 small lot; Rohtas Industries ord 20/10; do pref 142; B B Petrol 3/8; Sree Gopal Paper pref 109 small lot; Mysore Paper 14/4; Titaghur Paper ord 17/6; Assam Saws 3/10; Bengal Assam Steamship ord 251/8 c div; Buland Sugar 15/12; Carew and Co 10/6; Champaran 15; Cawnpore 19/8 ct; New Savan 7/8; Ramnugger Cane and Sugar pref 114/8.

Teas : Gungaram 360; Tezpore 8/4; Tezpore pref 15/2.

Debentures : 5 1/2 per cent 1939/47 Dalmia Cement 102; 5 1/2 per cent 1915/30/50; Dalhousie Property 100; 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 98/11; 5 1/2 per cent 1956/86 Calcutta Port Trust 120; 5 1/2 per cent 1958/88 Calcutta Port Trust 115/8.—A. P.

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EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Feb 5

Previous closing	4.03 1/4
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Feb 5

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London, Feb 5
T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London, Feb 5
The following cable was received from London :—
Market quiet and featureless.

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb 5

Spot (23 5/16d) 23 5/16d nil
Forward (23 5/16d) 23 5/16d nil

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb 5
London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Feb 5
London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 3/16 to 0-3 17/32) 0-3 3/16 to 0-3 1/2
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1-2 1/2) 1-2 to 1-2 1/2

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay, Feb 5
There was no trading during the night session.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES
Bombay, Feb 5

Yarn No. 6 1/2s February 124 April 125 June 126
Yarn No. 10 1/2s February 148 April 149 June 150
Yarn No. 20 1/2s February 188 1/2 April 189 1/2 June 190 1/2
Yarn No. 40s February 268 April 269 June 270

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND

Amount previously acknowledged : Rs. Rs. 34,31,906/6/10.

For the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund :—Rs. 75 Mr. R. E. Hawkins (monthly) (outside London).

For the R.A.F. :—Rs. 238 the Bombay Club Tankard Circle (7th instalment), Rs. 150 Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons (monthly), Rs. 100 Mr. W. A. Bell (further donation); "Wood Lane" (monthly); Comdr. H. Hodgkinson (monthly), Rs. 50 Mr. A. E. Allum (monthly), Mr. H. Sommer (monthly); Mr. H. R. Cooper (further donation); The Five Motor Vehicles Inspectors, Regional Transport Office, Bombay Region (monthly).

For the I.A.F. :—Rs. 108/8 through the Mamlatdar, Rajapur, District Ratnagiri, Rs. 75 Mr. J. H. Vakeel (monthly).

For Ambulance Purposes :—Rs. 350 the members of the Willingdon Sports Club, Bombay.

Grand Total on Wednesday : Rs. 34,33,909-11-6.

Society Wedding In Bombay

A society wedding was held at Madhav Baug, C. P. Tank, Bombay, on Sunday last, when Mr. Vasantlal Damodardas Mehta, solicitor, the eldest son of Mr. Damodardas V. Mehta, senior partner of the well-known firm of solicitors, Messrs. Malvi Ranchhoddas & Co., and grandson of late Mr. T. N. Malvi was married to Miss Indu, daughter of late Dr. Hiralal I. Mehta. The bride is a graduate of the University of Bombay.

Madhav Baug was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The guests were entertained to a sumptuous dinner when covers were laid for about 1,500 persons.

3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London, Feb 5
3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £96

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Feb 5
London Stock Exchange was mainly dull.

INDIAN LOANS
London, Feb 5

3 per cent Indian Stocks (£98 3/4) £98 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks (£109 3/4) £109 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1958/68 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stocks 1948/58 (£105 1/2) £105 1/2
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1942/47 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1954/64 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
5 per cent 1958/58 (£104 1/2) £104 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 1/2) £77 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£104 1/2) £104 3/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 7/8) £98 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113 3/4) £113 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
New War Loan (£101 1/8) £101 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 3/4) £110 3/4

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors (12-0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (36-0) 36-3
Hydro Electric No dealings.
Electric Music Industry (7-9) 7-9
Princhin Johnson (19-9) 19-6
Imperial Chemicals (29-7 1/2) 29-4 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (54-3) 54-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1939 (£48 3/4) £48 1/2
Dundee Rubber (33-9) 33-6
Unilever Ordinary (23-3) 23-0
Ford Motors (17-3) 17-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£55) £55
British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-3) 90-0
Carreas 'A' (£4) £4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (96-10 1/2) 95-0
P and O Def (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Distillers (64-3) 64-6
Bredfords Dye (3-9) 3-9
British Celanese (3-9) 3-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (32-3) 32-3
Courtaulds Ordinary (32-3) 31-6
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-9) 3-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (15-6) 15-4 1/2
Inter Nickel Ordinary (dol 37) dol 36 1/2
Indian Iron (46-3) 46-3

TEA SHARES
Assam Company (18-1 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-6) 22-6

JUTE
Barnagore (£8) £8

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (16-10 1/2) 17-0
Gula Kelampong (15-9) 15-7 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (26-7 1/2) 26-6

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug (23-1 1/2) 22-6
Burma Corporation (7-6) 7-6
Rio Tintos (£7) £7
East Rand Properties (43-1 1/2) 43-1 1/2
Rand Mines (£6 3/8) £6 3/8

MINE SHARES
Crown (£12 3/8) £12 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (61-3) 61-3
Trinidad Leasehold (61-3) 61-3
Sub Nigel (£7 1/2) £7 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (21-10 1/2) 21-10½
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (28-1 1/2) 28-1 1/2
Anglo India (38-4 1/2) 39-0
Burma Oil (57-6) 57-6
Mexican Eagle (7-10 1/2) 7-7 1/2
Shell Transport (44-4 1/2) 45-0
Royal Dutch No dealings

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary (£36 1/4) £35 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£14 7/8) £14 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£1 5/8) £1 1/2
London Southern Def (£11 5/8) £11 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£118) £118
London Transport 'C' (£35) £35

DRY WEATHER IN INDIA

POONA: Feb. 5.

The weather has been dry except for a few light showers in the Western Himalayas.

Temperatures were appreciably below normal in the Central Provinces, Chota Nagpur and Orissa.

Forecast until 6th evening :—A few light showers may occur in and around central parts of the country and along the North-West Frontier.—A. P.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 3,280 miles away with its epicentre at about latitude 15 deg. North and longitude 123 deg. East about 150 miles to the East of Manila was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 19h. 41m. (I.S.T.) on 4th Feb. 1941. The focal depth of the shock was about 200 miles.

Plea For Licence To Draw Toddy For Private Consumption

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Ratanshaw Nasserwanji Todiwala, a former toddy licensee, presented a petition to-day before Mr. Justice Blackwell that he should be granted a permit or licence to draw toddy from his plantation for private consumption.

The respondents to the petition are the Collector of Bombay, Mr. G. W McElhinny, and the Commissioner of Excise, Mr. E. G. Taylers and relief is sought under the Specific Relief Act.

Sir Jamshed Kanga argued the petition at some length, and his Lordships observed that the matter was of great importance as effecting the rights of the public. He directed the issue of a rule returnable on the 25th.

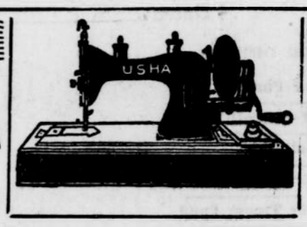
Viceroy Withholds Assent To Orissa Bill

CUTTACK, February 5

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sec. 76 of the Government of India Act the Governor-General has withheld his assent to the Madras Estates Land (Orissa Amendment) Bill.

This decision is contained in a dispatch from H. E. the Viceroy to the Governor of Orissa dated January 31, which has been released to the Press today.

The Bill was passed by the Orissa Assembly in 1938 during the time of the Congress Ministry and relates to the Zamindary lands in South Orissa, which are governed by the Madras Estates Land Act.—A. P.

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WORDS LEAD TO TRAGEDY

Sind Banker Arrested

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

What is described as a shooting tragedy took place on the ground floor of a five-storeyed building at Eadam Wadi, Hanuman Lane, Kalbadevi, at about 7-30, to-night.

Kishandas, son of Rai Bahadur Atmaram of Sind, is alleged to have fired two revolver shots at Sham Bihari, who is lying in a precarious condition in the G. T. Hospital.

It is learnt that the suspect who is a young banker had come to Bombay for a short visit and was living with his wife on the 5th floor of the building.

The first floor of the same building is occupied by several Bhayas.

Inquiries show that the banker took offence at the behaviour of some of the Bhayas towards his women-folk.

He was, it is stated, in constant dread that they might be molested.

This evening, however, there was a climax to his fears, when an altercation ensued between him and the Bhayas, on the staircase of the first floor.

The banker, who was armed with a revolver, is alleged to have flashed it out from his coat pocket and instantly emptied two shots at Sham Bihari, one of the Bhaiyas. The bullets struck the man on the chest and he dropped to the ground. The injured man was immediately removed to hospital with the help of the police who were on the spot within a few minutes.

Among the Officers who visited the scene were Deputy Commissioner Taylor, Superintendent Karnik and Inspector Quilter.

The banker possesses a licence for the revolver.

Kishandas has been arrested and the Princess Street Police are investigating the matter.

KEY TO SOLVE INDIAN IMPASSE

Radha Kumud Mukherjee's Suggestion To Jinnah & Its Sequel

CALCUTTA, Feb 4.

"The key to the solution of the Indian impasse is the cultural autonomy of communities," said Dr. Radha Kumud Mukherjee in course of an interview with the "United Press" on the latest statement of Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State.

He stated that the statement sufficiently defined the objectives of British policy to build up India as a strong central or federal unity, and that this central unity was to be based on a compromise between the communities of their essential differences on the basis of a scheme recognising and protecting such differences.

Dr. Radha Kumud recalled his scheme of cultural autonomy of communities put before Mr. Jinnah, who he said expressed doubt as to the authority to enforce the same or the constitutional safeguards of minorities. "The doubt is not beyond a solution. The constitution may set up a separate machinery for it like the Supreme Court in the American constitutions. Muslim susceptibilities may be soothed by the fact that already India's Federal Court provides for equality of representation in the personnel of its judges as between Hindus and Muslims."

He continued: "It is time that Hindus and Muslims should come to talking terms instead of keeping aloof further. The method of approach is, as I have been explaining, the method of a conference to agree to the differences which should be protected by statute or constitutional safeguards. These differences are scientifically classified under the well-known categories of language, religion and race, and are cultural in their character. An agreement as to the differences will open up a wide field of communal co-operation and unity, on the basis of which India can be built up as a democracy.

"The success of this method is shown in Canadian history. The English and the French in Canada agreed to differ in regard to their cultural differences, such as language and religion, and when these differences were protected by the cultural autonomy of each community, they combined in all other matters to build up the Canadian democracy, which is such a remarkable example of its success."—United Press.

Viceroy's Executive Council

NEW DELHI, February 5

A meeting of the Viceroy's Executive Council was held this evening Sir Mohd Zafarullah Khan, Vice-President, presided.—A. P.

THREE CRORES RECOVERED

Vigilance Of Income-Tax Department During 1938-'39

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

That the public exchequer would have lost very nearly Rs. 3,00,00,000 but for the vigilance of the Income-Tax Department is revealed in the latest administration report of the department. Had the returns made by assessees been accepted as correct, a sum of Rs. 2,96,00,000 or about 24.7 per cent of the actual revenue assessed on those persons alone would have been lost in 1938-39.

Over 32,000 new assessees were discovered while about 31,000 old assessees were struck off the registers.

Among methods resorted to for evasion of tax were the maintenance of double sets of accounts, inflation of purchases, suppression of sales, omission of sources of income, maintenance of accounts in fictitious names, and debiting of bogus expenses.

The total demand for income-tax and super-tax during 1938-39 was about Rs. 21,00,00,000, which, after allowing for refund, left a net demand of Rs. 18,00,00,000 as against a total demand of Rs. 20,00,00,000 and a net demand of Rs. 17,00,00,000 in the previous year. The net collection in 1938-39 was about Rs. 17,00,00,000 as against Rs. 16,00,00,000 in the previous year.—United Press.

HINDI SAHITYA SAMMELAN

Rajen Babu's Appeal To Intensify Its Activities

PATNA, Jan. 5.

An appeal to intensify the activities of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan and to extend them into Chota Nagpur was made by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in inaugurating the Seventeenth Session of the Bihar Provincial Sahitya Sammelan to-day.

Dr. Prasad said that propagation of the Hindi language was taken up by the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan over two decades ago when the Sammelan took upon itself the responsibility of improving it and raising its status to the standard of a national language.

"To-day, I look upon a period of hard work and intensive labour and say that Hindi is now a living language, spoken and written all over India. Thousands are learning it to-day. It is a national service because they are trying to improve a language which according to them, can be a national language."

Concluding, Dr. Prasad appealed to all to do their best for the propagation of Hindi.—A. P.

CUDDALORE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPERSEDED

MADRAS, Feb. 5.

The Government of Madras have issued orders superseding the Cuddalore Municipal Council for a period of two years from 6th February, 1941.

The present Commissioner, Mr. A. Krishnaswami Mudaliar, has been appointed to take charge of the municipal administration.

It is stated that the action has been taken as "the administration of the municipality was found unsatisfactory, owing to the negligence of the Council".—A. P.

Sir Alladi's Advice To Students

MADRAS, Feb. 5.

An appeal to students to develop a sense of civic duty, social consciousness, a healthy character and a good feeling towards their countrymen was made by Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, the Advocate General, presiding over the Loyola College day. If the students kept these ideals in view, he had no doubt that they would be helping in the building of a free and united India for which all of them were aspiring.—A. P.

Local Board Resolution Set Aside

MADRAS, Feb. 5.

A Ramnad message says the Government have cancelled under Sub-section (1) (B) of Sec. 38 of the Madras Local Boards Act, the Ramnad District Board's resolution condemning the action of Government in imprisoning Mr. U. Muthuramalinga Thevar, M.L.A., and also the action of H. E. the Viceroy.—A. P.

Indo-Burma Trade Talks Commence

India Government's Welcome To Rangoon Delegation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Cordial goodwill and a determination to reach an early agreement were expressed by Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar and U. Saw, leaders of the Indian and Burma Delegations respectively, at the opening of the Indo-Burma Trade Negotiations to-day.

After the speeches a brief general survey of the main points for discussion was held and the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON'S WORK

In the afternoon officials of the Government of India Departments concerned were engaged in a detailed examination of the Burma Delegation's proposals. As soon as this examination concludes, a full meeting of the Delegates and Advisers will take place.

Some of the Indian non-official advisers have left Delhi and will be summoned when required.

WHAT BURMA WANTS

"The proposals of the Government of Burma relating to the terms of the new trade agreement have been framed with a full consciousness of the previous history of the two countries, the long and harmonious trade relationship between them and of the fact that India is Burma's best customer and also the country from which Burma obtains the bulk of the goods which her population consumes year by year" observed U Saw, Premier of Burma and leader of the Burma Trade Delegation at the formal opening of the Indo-Burma Trade Negotiations to-day.

"My colleagues and I" he went on, "have come to the Conference invested with full powers by the Government of Burma to accept suitable terms and to enter into a new trade agreement with the Government of India with effect from the 1st April, 1941. With the undoubted goodwill that exists on both sides, I earnestly trust that the result of the labours of the two delegations will be a new trade agreement to the mutual advantage of our two countries and acceptable to the Governments and the peoples of India and Burma."

FIRST TIME IN BURMA'S HISTORY

Earlier after thanking Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar for the cordial welcome extended to the Burma delegation, U Saw said: "We are grateful to the Government of India for agreeing to hold these discussions on a basis which enables my colleagues and myself to participate in this historic occasion, the importance of which to Burma is indicated by the fact that this is the first time in which a premier of Burma has led a delegation to negotiate an agreement of any kind with any country."

RAMASWAMI'S WELCOME

Welcoming the Burma delegation Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar said:—"Your relationship on the commercial side has been for several decades one of free trade between both our countries. Some years ago when your country was separated from the Larger India which then existed, certain arrangements were entered into which preserved the then existing trade relationship. The time has come for a re-examination of this position and you, gentlemen, are here to see how far this trade relationship could be readjusted to meet the new conditions that have arisen in your country.

"Trade negotiations and trade pacts are comparatively speaking mundane affairs, and in these negotiations experience has shown that whatever attempts may be made to avoid it, the spirit of the market place is bound to enter to a certain extent. I venture to express the hope that, whether the course of these negotiations is smooth or rugged, the essential spirit of friendship and goodwill which exist between our two countries will be a potent factor in making us understand each other's point of view and that howsoever these negotiations may conclude, we shall be as good friends then as we now are and as we always have been."

COMMON DANGER

"We are both faced with a common danger": said Sir A. Ramaswami earlier in his speech, "we are both engaged in a common war effort and we—people of both countries, I believe, and the Governments of both countries—have one purpose now in view to see to it that all that we hold dearest in life and all the progress that we have made are not destroyed by the menace that has arisen in the West. At such a time faced as we are with this common danger and pursuing the common ideal, I trust that increasing amity and an ever larger measure of goodwill will be the predominant characteristic of the relationship between both our countries."

IN BUDDHA'S SPIRIT

"Burma and India" said the Commerce Member, "have been very closely related in many matters for a very long time. There are many ties that bind us—ties of culture, of common religious principles up to a certain extent—and I need hardly dilate on this aspect of the question. I may, however, be permitted to express my personal opinion which I know is shared by a large section of the community in this country, that we in India would have been much nearer our goal—social as well as political—if we had been in a position to adopt in a larger measure some of those ethical principles which have been so well laid down by the great founder of your religion, the Lord Gautama Buddha."

BALANCE IN FAVOUR OF BURMA

A large balance of trade in favour of Burma is shown by the latest trade figures available for December, 1940. For the nine months ending with it, Burma's favourable balance amounted to Rs. 10,24,00,000 her exports to India being of the value of Rs. 20,90,00,000 and her inports from India being Rs. 10,71,00,000.

Compared, however, to last year's figures Burma's export to India declined by nearly Rs. 3,00,00,000, while her imports from India rose by over Rs. 2,00,00,000.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS

The Government of India delegation consisted of Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar and Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member. Sir Allan Lloyd, Commerce Secretary, could not attend the meeting owing to indisposition.

The Burma delegation consisted of U Ba Saw, Mr. J. Baxter, U Tintut, Mr. D. B. Petch and Mr. H. S. Oxbury.—United Press.

CONCESSION
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ON MIDWEEK HOLIDAYS

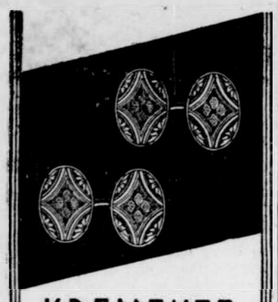
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Parsi: Shehrever 5, 1310
Hightide: 5-40; 20-16
Lowtide: 0-22; 13-7
Sunrise: 7h. 12m.
Sunset: 6h. 34m.

POSTAL NOTICE

Saturday, the 8th instant will be a Post Office holiday on account of Moharrum. All Departments of the Bombay G.P.O. and the Town Sub-Offices will observe that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The Telegraph Branches of the following Combined Offices will, however, remain open and work as usual:—(1) Colaba, (2) Kalbadevi, (3) Masjid, (4) Mazagaon, (5) Bombay G. P. O., (6) Byculla, (7) Girgaon, (8) Malabar Hill, (9) Parel, (10) Dadar, (11) Bandra, (12) Mahim, (13) Mandvi, (14) Grant Road, (15) Santa Cruz, and (16) Vile Parle. The remaining Combined Offices will remain entirely closed on that day.

KAMATIPURA SEWA SANGH

The meeting of the Managing Committee of the Sangh will be held to-day (Thursday) at Kamatipura 6th Street in Pupala Hall at 9 p.m. (S.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA

A free public study class will be held at 8-15 p.m. to-day (Thursday) at Putla House, Bhau Daji Road, Matunga, G. I. P. on the subject of "The Earth Chain."

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE

Under the auspices of the M. F. Cama Athornan Institute, Dastur Framroze A. Bode will deliver a lecture in Gujarati on "The Zoroastrian Code of Gentlehood" today (Thursday) at the M. F. Cama Athornan Institute, Guzder Hill, Andheri at 6 p.m. (S.T.).

B. N. & SUBURBAN SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

To-day (Thursday) Mr. R. D. Kumbhar will speak on "Teaching of Science" at 5-45 p.m. and Mr. D. J. Limaye on "State and Education" at 6-35 p.m. at C. L. Boys' High School, Dadar.

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EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Charley's Aunt" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Qaidi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Puja" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon" Daily 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat" Daily at 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Sneha-Bandhan" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
CHITRA—"Admi" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m
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HINDMATA—"Jawani-ki-Rit" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION

The meeting of the workers of the Municipal Press will be held under the auspices of the Municipal Workers' Union to-day (Thursday) on Esplanade Maidan at 6-15 p.m. (S.T.) to discuss the demands of the workers. Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, Mrs. Maniben Kara, Miss Shanta Bhalerao and others will address the meeting.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Scouters under training, Bombay City Scouters' training course, will be held at the Baboo Pannalal P. Jain High School, Pydhownie to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.). The campers are required to meet outside the Dadar B. B. & C. I. Railway station before 4-45 p.m. (S.T.) on Saturday, the 8th instant and report to the Troop Leader for the hike.

MOHARRUM MEETINGS

In connection with the Moharrum Week celebrations, there will be a public meeting to-day (Thursday) at 4-30 p.m. at the Anjumani-I-Islam Girls' School, Shahoobag, Bellasis Road, Bombay. Lady Rama Rao will speak on "Women". Prof. N. A. Nadvi will speak on "Talim and Islam."

3 ARTS SOCIAL

3 Arts Musical Social, on Sunday next at 4-45 p.m. at Monica, Catholic Women's Club, Wodehouse Road, Atiya Begum will speak on "Travancore, the Wonderland." Mr. Menon (Master of Ceremonies) will support. A fine programme of singing, Violin and exhibition items has been arranged by Messrs. Terry and Menon. The artistes are: Misses Joshi, Wards, Walker, J. Mody and Sobhan, the golden-voiced.

PUBLIC MEETING AT DHANJI STREET

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will be held to-day (Thursday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.), at Dhanji Street, Tambakanta, Sjt. Abid Ali Jaferbhai will preside and Messrs. G. P. Hatheesing, Joachim Alva, Bhawanishanker Oza, Pandit Rajaram Trivedi and Shri Baburao Gholap will speak on the "Present Political Situation." Loud speakers will be installed.

SEND-OFF TO BABURAO GHOLAP

A meeting will be held to-day (Thursday) in the Gora Gandhi Compound (Tardeo) at 9 p.m. in order to give a reception to Sjt. Baburao Gholap, President of the 'D' Ward, Girgaum District Congress Committee, on behalf of the citizens of Tardeo, under the presidentship of Sjt. Dhirubhai Desai, president of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

A send-off as well as a tea party on behalf of the Bhuvan at Kennedy Bridge will be given to him at 4-30 p.m. in the Hotel, to-day (Thursday).

BASE POSTAL DEPOT IN BOMBAY.

The Base Postal Depot, which redirects correspondence and parcels for troops from India serving overseas, has now been transferred from New Delhi to Bombay. All postal articles intended for troops from India serving overseas are in future to be addressed as follows:—"No., Rank, Name, Unit, c/o Base Postal Depot, Bombay."

INDIAN C.-IN-C.'S BROADCAST.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4.

It is learnt that H. E. the Commander-in-Chief will broadcast to India and the Indian troops in the Middle East at 8-25 p.m. I. S. T. next Sunday. The broadcast will be transmitted on all four wavelengths of Delhi station.

GOKHALE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Mrs. Laxmibai Gokhale has promised to hand over to the Gokhale Education Society 3 1/2 per cent Government Securities of the face value of Rs. 1,000, from the interest on which a Sanskrit Prize of Rs. 35 in her name is to be given annually from the year 1941 to a student of the Society's Shet Dharamsey Govindji Thackersey High School, who passes the Matriculation Examination with the highest number of marks in Sanskrit.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Dr. A. S. Kalapesi, Professor of Geology and Geography, St. Xavier's College, Bombay, will give a talk on "Building Stones: Their Useful Aspects and Economic Value" at the Registered Office of the Institute—The Sohrab F. Bharoocha Architectural Library to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.). The President Mr. D. W. Ditchburn will preside. The lecture is open to the public.

VERSOVA SCHOOL BUILDING

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the Local Board School Building at Versova will be laid to-day (Thursday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.) in the compound of the school at Versova (Via Andheri) by Swami Anand. Shri D. N. Wandrekar will preside.

MYSORE ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY

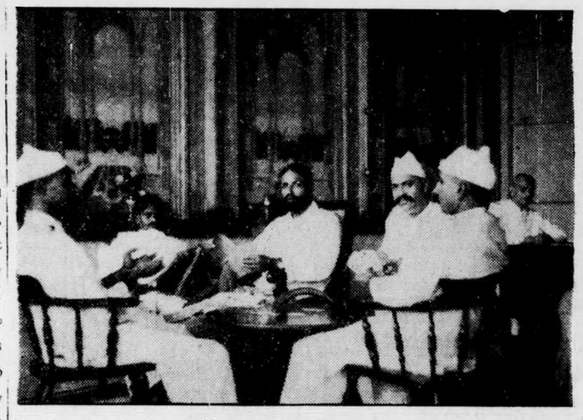
The president and the members of the Association will be 'At Home' at the Association premises to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. to Mr. R. A. Keshaviah, one of the members of the first batch of "Bevin Boys"

AMATEUR ASTRO-PALMIST ASSOCIATION

Dr. Saigal will speak on "Palmistry" to-day (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m. in the Hall of Golwalla Classes—Bombay Mutual Building, Hornby Road, Bombay.

HELP TO CYCLONE VICTIMS

Instructions for the supply to horticulturists of villages affected by the recent cyclone of seedlings of all fruit trees at concessional rates have been issued by the Government of Bombay. The Assistant Horticulturist is at present in the affected area completing all necessary arrangements with local nurserymen.



Patients of the 10th Indian General (War) Hospital enjoying a game of cards in their Recreation Room. The patient on the right of the picture is writing letters. The material was supplied by the Red Cross Society.

PEOPLES' THEATRE FOR INDIA

An informal conference of playrights (in all Indian languages), actors and producers, has been called for Saturday 15th February, 5-20 p.m. at the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank, to discuss the possibilities of a Peoples' Theatre For India.

Everybody interested in this pioneer work is cordially invited to collaborate with us: C. C. Mehta, A. A. Kanekar, Bharathi Sarabhai and Raja Rao.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE BALL

Fetches Over A Lakh

The proceeds of the Government House War Plane Ball on January 30 amounted to Rs. 1,04,519-5. This included: Sale of programmes and advertisements, Rs. 11,313-10; side shows, Rs. 4,653-3; American Bar, Rs. 2,870-15; Main Bar, Rs. 3,930-9; Auction, Rs. 45,700; Donations, Rs. 5,191; Sale of Tickets, Rs. 30,860.

The Royal Western India Turf Club has very generously consented to contribute a similar amount to that raised at the Ball. Therefore, the total figure available for buying war planes for the R.A.F. is Rs. 2,09,038-10—more than enough money to purchase three "Defiant" planes.

Bharat Itihas Parishad's History Of India

The prospectus of the Indian History of India, Benares, projected by the Bharatiya Itihas Parishad or Anjuman-i-Tarikh-i-Hind has been published on February 1. The history will be a comprehensive work of 20 Volumes, a tentative plan of which has been given. About a hundred scholars, both Hindu and Mohammedan, from all parts of India and Ceylon has promised their cooperation to the Parishad and more than 80 out of them have formally joined it as associate-members. A general Board of Editors has been appointed with the following as its members:—Sir Jadunath Sarkar, D. Litt., Chairman; Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit, Director-General of Archaeology; Prof. K. A. Nilakantha Sastri; Dr. R. C. Majumdar; Prof. Md. Habib; Dr. Prabodh Chandra Bagchi, and Prof. Jay Chandra Vidyaiankar, Secretary.

Bombay Flying Club, Ltd.

Flying time for January, 1941, amounted to 320 hrs. 40 mts. which is the highest recorded figure during January of any year since the inception of the Club.

AB-INITIO TRAINING

All Ab-initio candidates provisionally selected for the Air Force, successfully carried out their first Solo flights.

Mr. M. Barker and Mr. M. M. Nanavaty completed their flying tests and technical examinations for the issue of pilot's "A" licence.

QUALIFIED PILOTS

Messrs. Girme and Zaveri completed their required flying hours for the renewal of the "A" licence.

Maharaj Kumar Daljitsingh of Idar and Mr. A. P. Kapadia have been granted Pilot Instructor's courses.

The Director of Civil Aviation in India has very kindly given a Tiger Moth VT-AMZ on loan to the Club for the training of the Air Force candidates.

PUBLIC MEETINGS TO SUPPORT MR. KHANDRAY

A public meeting of the residents of Jacob Circle will be held at Khacrachi Chawl, Rasul Building to-day (Thursday) at 10 p.m. (S.T.) to support the Congress candidate Mr. Khandray in the ensuing by-election in Byculla Ward No. 13. Mr. V. A. Karapurkar, Municipal Councillor, will preside and Messrs. Mansingrao Jagtap, V. M. Kande, Deshmukh, Drs. Rane and Bhosle will speak.

Another public meeting of the residents of DeLisle Road X Lane locality will be held at Cement Chawl to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.), to support Sjt. B. M. Khandray's candidature for the ensuing Municipal by-election in Byculla Ward No. 13. Sjt. Bajrang Bahadur Singh will preside.

Charkha Classes

The Jt. Secretaries of the Khadi and Village Industries Board write:—

Arrangements are being made to open Charkha classes at various centres in the City to conduct spinning in an organised manner. These classes will be reserved for ladies during noon and open to all during mornings and evenings. The services of instructors will be available to train the members of such classes. Those desirous of joining as members should communicate with Secretary, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Congress House

Trained spinners wishing to conduct such classes should also please inform the Secretary.

Arrangements are also being made for persons wishing to work as trainers or conductors of such classes to be fully trained in all sections of Charkha and spinning.

It is proposed to open Charkha classes by the 15th instant. Those desirous to join should please apply before that date.

Mrs. Naidu In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived in Bombay from Wardha today.

N. M. JOSHI CRITICISES BARODA BAN

Mr. N. M. Joshi writes:—

Our Baroda State workers have recently formed a trade union of which the opening was to be celebrated on 1st February. I was asked to preside over the meeting but as I could not unavoidably attend it Miss Godavari Gokhale was asked to take my place and went there on 1st morning. But the surprise of everybody, although the object of the meeting was entirely constitutional, the meeting was banned, and very regrettable events followed resulting in the arrest of Mr. S. A. Sabnis and another worker.

Such interference with the legitimate right of the workers to hold meeting to initiate a Trade Union is not justified and I hope the Baroda Government will change their attitude towards the movement and give full scope for its working.

Co-opted To Indian Merchants' Chamber Committee

The following individual members and trade associations have been co-opted on the Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the year 1941:—

Individual Members: Sir Ardeshir R. Dalal, Kt., Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola and Mr. Gordhandas P. Sonawala.

Associations: The Bombay Bullion Exchange, Ltd. (Mr. Lachhmandas H. Daga); The Bombay Cotton Merchants and Muccadams' Association, Ltd., (Mr. Purshotamdas Harkisondas); The Bombay Grain Dealers' Association, (Mr. Khimji Madan Bhujpuria); The Bombay Rice Merchants' Association, (Mr. Mahomedhusein Hasham Premji); The Bombay Yarn and Silk Merchants' Association, (Mr. Purshotamdas Popatlal); The Chamber of Income-tax Consultants, (Mr. Bhogilal C. Shah); The Grain Merchants' Association (Mr. Khimji Shamji); The Indian Insurance Companies' Association (Mr. Mathuradas Dwarkadas); The Indian National Steamship Owners' Association (Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarji); The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce (Mr. M. L. Dahanukar); The Seeds Traders' Association (Mr. Ramdas Kilachand); Shri Mahajan Association (Mr. Shivlal N. Maniar) and The Sugar Merchants' Association (Mr. Jagjiwan Ujamshi Mulji).

Why Students Called Off Strike

Bombay: Feb. 4.

The following statement is issued by the Honorary Joint Secretaries, V. J. T. I. Students:—

Mr. P. N. Joshi, our Principal, in his address to the students, promised to represent our case with all his sincere supports to the Board. He read the statement issued by the Board and pointed out that there would be no victimisation whatsoever with assurance to consider our grievances sympathetically, if the strike was called off from Tuesday, the 4th instant. At a general body meeting of the students held yesterday after the principal's address, it was decided to take the final decision today. Mr. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A. (Central) was invited to speak to the students. At a general body meeting of the students held this morning, Mr. N. M. Joshi advised the students to call off the strike under the sympathetic assurance given by the Board through the principal, P. N. Joshi.

The general body of the students then resolved to call off the strike and a resolution to that effect was adopted:—

"We the V. J. T. I. Students, hereby, resolve to act according to the advice and sympathetic assurance given by our Principal and thus the general strike is called off from to-day the 4th instant."

On behalf of the students, we convey our sincerest thanks to the press and the public of Bombay for their kind co-operation in our righteous fight. We also thank Mr. N. M. Joshi, for his sincere advice to the students in general and hunger-strikers in particular, who at his instance, have given up the fast.

Census Holidays For Public Offices

The Bombay Government has ordered that all public offices should be closed on Friday, February 28, and on Saturday, March 1, in order that persons employed in such offices may be available for the Census Operations.

GHODBUNDER ROAD CLOSED FOR MOHARRUM

The District Superintendent of Police, Bombay Suburban District, Bandra, writes:

The public are informed that 7th February, 1941, is the Immersion day of the Moharrum Festival. Taboots will be taken in procession through Bandra Town and for this purpose the Ghodbunder Road immediately North of Mahim Causeway will be closed to Vehicular traffic from 3 p.m. onwards.

The Police will make special arrangements by which North bound and South bound traffic respectively will be diverted through side streets to the West and East of the main Ghodbunder Road. Since, however, traffic will be particularly heavy on this day it is quite possible that the crowds that will assemble may completely hold up Vehicular traffic for many hours. The public likely to be travelling by Motor car to and from Bombay on this afternoon are, therefore, advised in their own interests not to attempt to pass through Bandra between the hours of 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Lady Lumley accompanied by Miss Lumley and attended by Captain A. St. J. Shuttleworth Aide-de-Camp left Bombay for C. P.

Of Indian Goods

Empire Countries Take Fourteen Crores More

But Japan's Imports Into India Jump Up By Two Crores In First Nine Months Of Year

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Empire countries took Rs. 14 crores more of Indian goods during the first nine months of the current financial year and helped to swell India's favourable trade balance to Rs. 28 crores.

The United Kingdom headed the list with Rs. 53 crores, others being Burma Rs. 11 crores, Ceylon Rs. five crores, Straits Settlements Rs. two crores, the Union of South Africa Rs. two crores, Kenya Colony Rs. one crore, Australia Rs. six crores and New Zealand Rs. one crore. It is noted that these are Empire countries represented in the Eastern Group Conference.

India also increased her trade with Muslim countries, particularly Iraq and Egypt, the figures being Rs. 62 lakhs, and Rs. two crores 37 lakhs compared to Rs. 38 lakhs and Rs. 81 lakhs in the same period last year.

The export to Japan further declined, amounting to over Rs. six and a half crores compared to over nine and a half crores last year. Imports from Japan, however, increased by nearly two crores to Rs. 15 crores compared to Rs. 13 crores last year. The increase is explained by larger off-take by India or such goods as dyes and machinery which before the war the European markets supplied. It is stated that this trade balance in Japan's favour raises the question of payment. She is outside the Sterling Bloc and a special payment agreement is therefore required to be worked out. This is believed to be under consideration

Both the United States and South Africa have taken larger quantities of Indian goods, the figures being Rs. 19 crores and Rs. five crores respectively compared to Rs. 17 crores and Rs. four and a half crores last year.

On the import trade side, India took from the Empire countries goods worth nearly a crore more than she did last year. Her imports from the United Kingdom declined by nearly a crore over the last year's figure. There is a shrinkage of imports from Burma by over three crores. This gap was, however, more than made up by New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Among non-Empire countries the United States of America doubled her exports to India to nearly Rs. 19 crores. Imports into India from Iran also increased and amounted to Rs. 226 lakhs as compared to Rs. 193 lakhs in 1939-40.

India's exports in articles wholly or mainly manufactured has been going up, the principal increases being in cotton twist and yarn, cotton piecegoods, jute gunny bags and gunny cloth, paraffin wax and saltpetre. Exports of raw cotton, on the other hand declined by nearly three crores and groundnuts by nearly two crores.



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BOMBAY: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1941.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

Complaints are increasing that the treatment of Satyagrahi prisoners is as erratic as are the sentences imposed upon them, the tendency being, it is believed, to make it steadily more and more severe so as to have a deterrent effect upon future would-be Satyagrahis. It is also complained that in some cases fines are collected unlawfully and in a needlessly drastic manner. Injustice of this last type is said to have become so scandalous that even Gandhiji, who has no love for court, is understood to have suggested that if fines imposed for Satyagraha are recovered illegally, the question should be fought out up to the highest court. It is certainly necessary for the public to know the law in this matter quite clearly, and authoritative decisions will to some extent curb the vagaries of Magistrates. We shall not consider individual cases for we are concerned here more with general principles. Satyagrahis do not ask for concessions but they rightly demand justice for themselves as for others. And if persons must be punished for only asserting the right of free speech, the punishment must be tempered with justice and humanity.

Classes For Political Prisoners

It is now generally accepted that political prisoners should be treated differently from criminals. But for various reasons their division, like that of other prisoners, into three classes has not worked satisfactorily. The tendency is to assign class "C" to most men without due consideration to their health and habits of life directly affecting health. And the treatment of "B" class prisoners in several jails is said to be insidiously approximating to that of class "C" with regard to such amenities as are allowed at the discretion of the Jail Superintendent. In Madras, however, Government have just decided to extend to "B" class prisoners some of the amenities ordinarily allowed to those of class "A". Probably the prisoners of both these classes are very few though we should be glad to be proved wrong in our surmise. We think it would be a good and quite workable plan to improve the amenities allowed to "B" class prisoners and to assign class "B" to all political prisoners, giving special privileges to a few for special reasons. If necessary, some of the amenities provided to this class may be at the prisoner's cost, which would effect considerable economy in jail administration

Need For Humane Treatment

Apart from the unduly large number of politicals who are given "C" class, the treatment given to them in most jails is understood to be extremely unsatisfactory. Even in Madras, where the prisoners of class "B" are now being given additional amenities, it is said that the "C" class prisoners are given insufficient and bad food and the provision for soap, if any, for books, letters, interviews, writing materials and such other essential amenities is extremely insufficient. Referring to a complaint that the diet given to "C" class prisoners in several jails costs only one anna and nine pies a day, the Government of Madras have stated that the scale of diet for "C" class prisoners is the same in Central jails and in sub-jails, that the cost of this diet in sub-jails is about three annas six pies a day per head and that, therefore, the cost of the same scale of diet in the Central Jails should also be about the same figure. But the Government add that as Central Jails obtain provisions wholesale and also grow vegetables necessary for the prison kitchen, the cost in these jails would be lower than in sub-jails. It is significant that Government do not definitely deny the cost of the diet being one anna and nine pies but explain it on the ground that the Central jails try things wholesale and grow their own vegetables. But considering that even sub-jails make many of their purchases wholesale and the cost of vegetables in their localities is generally low, the reduction of the total cost by 50 per cent in the Central Jails demands a more reasonable explanation. What is true of Madras is presumably true of all other provinces. As the treatment of "C" class prisoners affects large numbers, including criminals as well as politicals, it needs to be closely investigated by the authorised committees of jail visitors. It should be possible for every jail to give human, if not humane, treatment to all prisoners including criminals.

Britain And Abyssinia

The British Government have defined their attitude *vis-a-vis* the restoration of Haile Selassie to his lawful throne, not a day too soon. Considerable curiosity and even misunderstanding were caused by the delay in clarifying the British policy in this connection, even though the Abyssinian campaign has been well on its way to success. In view of the unsavoury background of this issue, uncharitable critics went to the length of suggesting that Britain would not be altogether unwilling to allow Mussolini to retain his grab if he was prepared to negotiate for a separate armistice. While such a course may have been justified by the exigencies of the situation, it would have created a very unfavourable impression regarding the post-war-settlement as visualised by a victorious Britain.

All doubts in this connection have now been set at rest by Mr. Eden's statement in the House of Commons. The Foreign Secretary observed that the British Government would welcome the reappearance of the independent Ethiopian State and recognised the Emperor's claim thereto. But while they are prepared to extend the help asked for by the Negus, they have reaffirmed that they have themselves no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia. Not only that, but they also envisage some post-war arrangement for the assistance and guidance which the Emperor may need. This categorical statement will be welcomed on all hands not only as a proof of Britain's 'bona fides' on the Abyssinian issue but also as an index of the spirit in which they will try to settle post-war problems. Lord Halifax recently disavowed the existence—or even possibility—of secret treaties to which Britain would be committed after the war. Such underhand and at times cross-purpose diplomacy was one of the main causes why Britain, after winning the last war, lost the peace that followed it. It is gratifying to find that it is profiting by past mistakes and at the same time redressing the wrongs of the appeasement era.

Thanks, Mr. Matsuoka

Japanese diplomacy seems to have lost its moorings. During the last few weeks so many curious and often contradictory statements have emanated from Tokyo that they make only one thing clear, that Japanese statesmen are at their wit's end to know how to extricate their country from the quagmire in which it is now stuck. After waging a relentless war for four years, they set up a puppet regime in China. And now they are compelling the puppet himself to sue Chungking for peace. In a blaze of glory they put the seal to the Tripartite Pact six months ago and have been content only to pay verbal compliments to it since then. Mr. Matsuoka alternately tries to threaten and reassure the United States. When Britain could no longer be bullied into appeasement, the Japanese war-lords have begun to bluff her by claiming belligerent rights in the—undeclared—Chinese war. Again Japan legally recognises the Dutch Government in London in spite of the Axis alliance, but practically it is different! But Matsuoka's latest caps it all: according to the Domei News Agency, he admitted in the Diet

the necessity for making Indian masses understand Japan's real intentions! But while we are duly grateful for this signal honour, we already know those intentions rather too well and extend our cordial sympathies to the Japanese Foreign Minister in his present predicament.

The New Phrase-A New World-Order

By BHAGVAN DAS

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In India, no eminent or prominent person, who looms large in the public eye, speaks, and, presumably, thinks seriously, about a New World-Order—with one single exception

That exception is Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru—recklessly courageous, chivalrous, very self-sacrificing, very highly educated, very well-read, very widely travelled, with personal experience of life in Chinese Chungking as well as Spanish Barcelona, while they were being actually bombed by the enemy. He is now known to all the world, as being the most popular political leader in India, next after Mahatma Gandhi, though of very different temperament. He has large aspirations, he has vision, he does not believe in "One step enough for me". In almost all his speeches and writings, latterly, he has been connecting India with world-conditions and a 'New World-Order', which he hopes and longs for ardently. But, most unfortunately for India, his visions are the vaguest clouds, mere wishes and aspirations. He has recognised, in his Congress Presidential address, that 'Independence' is a wrong word, that equal "Inter-dependence" is the right word, but has been unable to press it to acceptance by the Congress. In those same addresses, he has said that "the Russian variety of Socialism is not suitable for India", that "India must think out her own most suitable sort of Socialism". But he has never been able to put before the public, or even before the A. I. C. C., his own ideas of the sort of Socialism that appears to him suitable for this unhappy country.

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Not very long ago (with vacillation natural when the subject has not been carefully thought out) contradicting his earlier view, he said in a newspaper article, that Russian socialism would fit India also. Once, early in 1934, (if I remember right), he placed before a Congress Committee (either the U. P. Provincial, or the A. I.) the excellent proposal, that the Congress should make up its mind as to what sort of 'economic structure' it desired for India The proposal was, I believe, politely 'postponed for future consideration'; and shortly after, Jawahar lal walked into jail.

Very recently, in the *Hindustan Times*, of the 21st October, 1940, he published an article, headed "Our Social Welfare; Problem to be attacked on all fronts". That article deserves to be reproduced in every journal in this country. It embodies Pt. Jawaharlal's first clearer glimpse of the 'vision' of what is needed. I make a very brief abstract, using his own words, intercalating others in brackets.

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"Social welfare, the well-being of society, includes everything one can think of—spiritual, cultural, political, economic, and social. The social worker considers himself as working in a field strictly separated from political action or economy theory. He will fight disease, slum conditions, or unemployment, or prostitution, and the like. He may also seek to bring about some changes in the law, to remedy (some particular) present-day injustice. He will seldom go down to the roots of the problem; for he accepts the general structure of society as it is, and seeks only to tone down (this or that particular) glaring injustice. Yet all this good work is largely wasted, because it deals with the surface of the problem only. Social evils have roots in the economic structure under which we live, are indeed the direct products of that economic system. Any scientific consideration of the problem of social welfare must, therefore, inevitably go down to these roots and seek out the causes. For nearly two years now I have been associated with the National Planning Committee, and the conviction has grown upon me (at long last) that it is not possible to solve any major problem by itself. They all hang together and they depend greatly on the economic structure. Before we seek any particular reform, we must be clear what our general objective is, and what kind of society we are aiming at. It is obvious that if we have a social structure which assures (1 and 2) work and security to all adults, (3) proper education for the young, (4) a wide-spread distribution of the necessities and amenities of life, and (5) a measure of individual freedom for self-development, this, in itself, will solve many of our social problems. The problem has, therefore, to be attacked on all fronts. Possibly the greatest difficulty will be along the so-called (6) 'religious' front. Inheritance, marriage, divorce, are all supposed to be parts of the 'personal law' of various communities, and this 'personal law' is supposed to be part of 'religion'. It is the duty of the Government of the day, to educate public opinion to accept the changes proposed."

To this excellent statement, we may add 'Pending the growth of the sense of that great duty in the Government of the day, there is the urgent duty of the leaders of the Congress at least, to first make their own minds clear as to what changes are desirable, and then educate public opinion, extensively and intensively'. We have also to realise that while social evils are born from a vicious and inequitous economic structure, such structure, itself has roots in the uncontrolled greeds, ambitions, of strong individuals and groups. To break the vicious circle thus created, both (a) an Equitable Social Organisation and (b) a Universal Religion are needed, whereby the natural egoistic as well as altruistic human instincts and passions will be given controlled and reasonable play.

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This, which Pandit Jawaharlal has now realised and said at long last, is an exceedingly valuable and utterly indispensable "supplement, and complement" to the moral exhortations and struggle methods of Mahatma Gandhi. Very valuable as those moral appeals and devices are, they are all sterilised and brought to sad failure again and again, just for lack of this absolutely necessary additional work. To borrow some words from a good editorial of the "Statesman" dated 26-11-1940" .... To preach non-violence is to waste time on a useless effort to change symptoms of a disease instead of dealing with its cause. Greed .... ambition to get very rich, and to acquire power over other men's lives and labour .... are the cause of war. It is violence from the air that will cure the civilian of his greed. For the first time in history, the civilian is well in the war that his economics have made. For the first time he will end by willingness to change his economics." The words need to be added after the word 'non-violence', viz., 'without qualifications, and without much other positive teaching re 'right economic structure.'

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Mahatma Gandhi on the one

(Continued on page 9, Col. 4)

Italian Position In E. Africa

BY MAJOR GENERAL SIR CHARLES GWYNN.

The position of the Italians in East Africa is unenviable and holds no prospects of improvement. It would, however, be unduly optimistic to expect their early collapse and surrender as a result of the operations in progress or of a revolt.

There are factors that favour protracted resistance, given determined leadership and a reasonable standard of morale. It is obvious, however, that under British and African pressure, the Italians have lost all power of offensive action and are faced with the necessity of abandoning large areas and concentrating their resources on defence and internal security.

The dangers to which Italian East Africa is exposed are attack by British forces and internal revolt. Owing, however, to the difficulty of terrain and transport, the area exposed to external attack is relatively small.

Similarly serious internal revolt is likely to be concentrated in certain areas of the former Abyssinian empire. Moreover the areas are widely separated.

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Italian East Africa, it must be remembered, consists of two long established colonies, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, and the recently conquered territory of Ethiopia.

In the old colonies the local population is not rebellious. In Eritrea especially it provides troops of high quality.

In Ethiopia by no means all the population is of Abyssinian race.

A widespread and successful revolt against Italian rule is most probable in the north-western and south-western districts where arms and support are obtainable from the Sudan. In a certain area around Addis Ababa a well-armed and systematic revolt might be difficult to organise.

Eritrea is inevitably the only port of Italian East Africa exposed to an external attack on a large scale. There the Sudanese railways have made it possible to concentrate and supply a considerable invading force.

The motor road connecting Kassala with Asmara and Massowah enables the mechanised troops and transport to be employed. Moreover the Aski district forms an important military objective. It provided the base from which the main campaign in the Abyssinian War was launched and must contain extensive depots and military establishments. It is the terminus of the motor road leading to Addis Ababa and into Lake Tana, an area equally important as Eritrea as a reservoir from which the Italians draw their best local troops.

The difficulties of an invading army will not lessen as the advance proceeds. The country becomes more mountainous and more difficult in the eastern district and bases constructed for the Abyssinian war will be encountered.

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In Abyssinia, it is in the Tana area that revolt promises to develop and there is a chance there of direct collaboration with the British advance.

The Italians in the Eritrea and Tana area are certainly in great danger. But their defeat would not necessarily affect the garrison of the Addis Ababa area, still less would it directly affect those forces in Hara province and British Somaliland which are temporarily safe from direct attack.

Both in Hara and Addis Ababa troops might be strengthened by withdrawing outlying detachments and they have presumably sufficient reserves of munitions to deal with a local revolt.

Least threatened of all is Italian Somaliland. There is no danger of internal revolt and invasion of this area from Kenya faces the difficulty of providing transport for large forces.

The Italian detachments west of Juba river will probably withdraw behind it, but the colony could be reinforced if it were decided to abandon Harra province and British Somaliland.

On the whole therefore, protracted resistance under deter-

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Frankly Speaking

Mr. Willkie's Tour

Mr. Wendell Willkie's departure from Britain has been almost as abrupt as his decision to go there. He went there to see things for himself and now he is returning home to tell his fellow-Americans what he has seen. He was to have stayed some days longer but he had to cut short his programme owing to a summons to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lease and Lend Bill. It has been literally a whirlwind tour and in two weeks he crammed engagements which could have been well spread over as many months. During this period he waited upon Royalty and brushed shoulders with the irrepressible Cockneys, discussed outstanding questions with Ministers and conversed with miners, went here, there and everywhere over a war-ravaged Britain. He is obviously deeply impressed by the splendid morale of the British people and his activities have made front-page head-lines on both sides of the Atlantic. There is no doubt whatever that his visit will prove of immense advantage to Britain in further mobilising American opinion in her favour and expediting the dispatch of all available help.

Lord Lloyd

The death of Lord Lloyd revives many unpleasant memories of his regime as Governor of Bombay from 1918 to 1923 and High Commissioner for Egypt. He was doubtless an able man who had served his country in various capacities even before he became Governor in this province, and he had particularly distinguished himself in the last World War in Egypt, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and the Hedjaz. But his imperialist view was too strong for him and he was too irresponsive to public opinion in Bombay. He was always a die-hard in politics—with Mr. Churchill, he was an uncompromising opponent of Indian constitutional progress—and provoked wholesome opposition both in Bombay and later in Egypt, where he was High Commissioner from 1925 to 1929. Opinions have varied about his Development schemes in Bombay and Sind but if only he had been more responsive to public opinion, he would have considerably reduced the cost of the Back Bay Reclamation scheme and averted the scandals associated with it. His discomfiture in Egypt, where his services were unceremoniously dispensed with by the late Mr. Henderson, then Foreign Secretary in the Labour Government, should be a warning to the imperialists still at work in India. He will be remembered in India best as the author of the dictum that in 1921 Gandhiji came within an ace of success.

Pure Food

The Conference for the preventions of adulteration in milk, butter, ghee, etc., convened on Tuesday at Madhav Baug under the presidentship of Mr. Manu Subedar, met a long-felt want. The Conference resolved to appoint a Committee to frame a constitution for a society for the prevention of such adulteration and to launch a campaign for pure food. The resolutions of this Conference will be submitted to Government, who will be asked to co-operate and to make it possible for a vigilance society to be formed, which could function only if Government would create adequate sanctions for the prevention of adulteration of foodstuffs. At the moment the laws for such prevention are wholly inadequate to solve the problem. Mr. Manu Subedar in his address to the Conference pleaded for drastic measures, such as confiscation and destruction of whole quantities of material, as a deterrent punishment for breaking the law. Fines would also be of an exemplary character and the aim of legislation would be to make sure that the offender and his kind realized the significance of tampering with food products. A Committee would be required to be formed, which could consider all these problems and make sure there were no loopholes in the laws framed to pervent adulteration, Mr. Subedar and his colleagues have launched a laudable campaign and we wish them every success

Manufacturers' Conference

The Association of Indian Industries, Bombay, which has interested itself, during the five years of its existence, in the promotion of small and medium scale industries has done a service in organizing an All-India Manufacturers' Conference, to be held in this city in the third week of this month under the presidentship of Sir M. Visveswaraya. This is perhaps the first conference of its kind and is expected to deal with all urgent problems relating to small scale industries. We hope cottage industries like handspinning also come within the scope of the Conference. The war has created conditions in which India has got to be self-reliant in most of her manufactures. And this is possible only if manufactures of all types are promoted to their utmost capacity. Government are not likely to do much for industries other than those essential for war purposes. That is itself the best reason why the industrialists concerned should help themselves most. And we are sure they will receive the full sympathy and co-operation of the public, who have long cherished the ideal of Swadeshi.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, Feb. 4.

A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast by the German radio to-day. Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay real collaboration, the difficulties of France will worsen, possibly with disastrous speed, said the spokesman.

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The way the Greeks are capturing mountain peaks, Mussolini may find them one day occupying the seven hills of Rome.

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The belief is growing that Germany will not make a thrust eastwards but westwards, though the possibility that she may attempt both at once is admitted, says Reuter's correspondent on the German frontier.

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On the other hand, according to our own very special strategist, it is not entirely unlikely that at the last moment Hitler may decide to try the possibility of making a thrust eastwards.

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M. Bagrianoff, the Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture, a well-known pro-Nazi, has resigned.

Perhaps Hitler has promised him a better job.

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The Bengal Government wants to spend Rs. 2,84,000 for maintaining a temporary "intelligence staff."

Presumably, the Bengal Government needs it!

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TOKIO, Feb. 4.

The situation between Japan and the United States has never been marked by a greater misunderstanding than at present, said Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, to-day. At the same time he wanted to make it clear to Americans that Japan did not want to risk war for the sake of her aspirations.

Even the valiant *Samurai* seem to be learning what is the better part of valour.

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ITALIANS GREAT RETREAT

—Headline.

Not only great but glorious, too!

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BHOPAL, Feb. 5.

A comet with a two-yard tail was observed here yesterday night after sunset in a west-south direction.—A. P.

We congratulate the enterprising correspondent on his astronomical genius in being able to measure the tail of the comet—something which even the Astronomer Royal has not been able to do!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The "Gas Squad" of the Bombay Police will be on duty at the next meeting to be held in the C. J. Hall.

(2) A public meeting of local milkmen, a resolution will be passed congratulating Mr. Manu Subedar on launching a movement against the adulteration of milk.

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Thin-haired Man: 'What! A shilling for cutting my hair? That's outrageous!'

Barber: 'But, my dear sir, the hairs on your head are so far apart that I had to cut each one by itself.'

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Highly coloured stories are never in the white lie class.

A woman isn't necessarily a good cook because she roasts her neighbours.

A brunette may be a decided blonde—after she has decided to be a blonde.

Some people would have to work overtime if they practised half of what they preach.

A woman's idea of good luck is to find a pair of her husband's socks in the wash that don't need darning.

The owner of a yacht and an automobile ought to be able to run into debt faster than the man who has to walk.

IN AFRICA:

British Advance On All Fronts

ITALIANS ON THE RUN IN LIBYA

R.A.F. Attacks Line to Benghazi: Successful Raids On Air Bases And 'Dromes

CAIRO, Feb. 5.

General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East has returned to Cairo after a flying visit of inspection to the Eritrea Front. While there, he watched part of the operations actually in progress.

Urged on by the British Imperial troops, the Italians in Libya are increasing the speed of their withdrawal towards Benghazi. Hitherto 400 stragglers have been captured.

This is revealed in to-day's 'communique' from the British Headquarters in Cairo. The 'communique' also announces that in Eritrea British operations about Keren are developing successfully.

Meanwhile Italian forces retreating eastwards from Barentu and Biacundi are being heavily pressed, leaving all routes littered with gear, war material and vehicles. In addition to those already recorded, many hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

INSIDE ABYSSINIA

In Abyssinia, British advance eastwards on Gondar Road is also progressing, while in the southern area, South African troops are consolidating enemy positions recently captured. British patrols in Italian Somaliland continue to be active in all sectors. One patrol yesterday attacked and captured an enemy post 45 miles inside the Italian frontier.

ITALIAN POST CAPTURED

Strong native African fighting patrols successfully attacked and captured Beles Gugani, a defended Italian post inside the Italian Somaliland border, according to to-night's Nairobi 'communique' which adds that pursuit of the enemy is being carried out.

ROME ADMITS RETREAT

Air activity on both sides in Northern Africa is announced in an Italian 'communique.' It says British planes bombed Benghazi. It continues: "German aeroplanes attacked aerodromes at Micaba and Halfa in Malta."

Italian withdrawal to a new line of defence is admitted in East Africa. Retirement by Italian native troops on the border of Southern Abyssinia, east of Lake Stefani is also announced.

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. yesterday made repeated raids on Barce, Berka, Benina and Italian lines of communication to Benghazi. Between Maraua and Barce, a motor transport was heavily attacked and much damage was caused. Barce Railway station was also raided and there direct hits were registered on the track near the station. Hangers were hit at Berka and a large fire was started at Benina.

FLYING BOAT DESTROYED.

An R.A.F. 'communique' from the Middle East announcing these operations says that British fighter patrols were active and two Italian machines were shot down. An enemy flyingboat anchored off Tolmetta was destroyed and an enemy bomber crashed at Appollonia.

A fighter squadron of the South African Air Force has had repeated successes, supporting the army offensive in Eritrea. It attacked a landing ground Near Azoza where five Italian machines, already bombed, were set on fire.

AN AIR BATTLE.

During an engagement in Asmara Area, aircraft of the same squadron intercepted enemy fighters and shot down one. Another was machine-gunned on the ground and destroyed. At Terranni four machines were observed burnt out on a landing ground, while three others in an unserviceable condition due to air attacks were captured at Barentu.

In addition, R.A.F. bombers raided a number of military objectives in Eritrea. Motor transport were set on fire on the Metemma-Gondar Road and between Asmara and Keren, a motor convoy was attacked.

AERODROME RAIDED.

The aerodrome at Gura was raided and three direct hits were registered on hangars causing much damage. Motor transport were attacked at Makale and three Italian machines were destroyed on the ground and others were damaged. Enemy fighters intercepted the R.A.F. bombers, but the raid was successfully completed without damage to British aircraft.

In southern Abyssinia, aircraft of the South African air force continued to support the army.

OVER MALTA.

Italian aircraft raided Malta yesterday, but were intercepted by British fighters and at least three Italian machines were shot down and others were severely damaged. Some slight damage was caused to buildings.

With the exception of one bomber and one fighter, British aircraft returned safely from all these operation

Br. Navy's Challenge

"Undeterred by the new threat from the skies, Britain's powerful Eastern Mediterranean battle fleet has once again put to sea," writes "Reuter's" special correspondent with the Mediterranean fleet on board a British battleship.

He says:—"Taking up the gauntlet flung down by the "Luftwaffe" on the decks of the aircraft carrier "Illustrious" in the epic seven hour duel last month, the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham issued a stirring signal to all ships that "Italian or German, these pests must be shot out of the sky."

The German and Italian air challenge has failed to hinder the fleet activities. Certain units have fulfilled a highly important mission in the Central Mediterranean and light forces along the Libyan coast have maintained uninterrupted operations. Far from shrinking before the aerial threat, the fleet is carrying the war into the enemy's camp, ready to make or seek engagement. In the fourth day of the present voyage, the British challenge has not been accepted. The fleet has completed covering operations uneventfully and has exercised well within range of enemy aircraft—without producing a reply from the enemy.—Reuter.

Czechs Resort To Sabotage

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Largescale sabotage of food supplies for Germany has been reported to Berlin by German agricultural agents in Prague, according to news reaching London.

The message says that last year a quarter of a million pigs, many calves and cattle were secretly slaughtered and at least 300,000 tons of meat were prevented from reaching Germany. Thirteen thousand wagonloads of grain were also successfully hidden. No food census or house inspections have been ordered as the Germans fear that this would cause more supplies to be destroyed in panic.

New punishments have been devised to prevent such sabotage, the least being a fine of 10,000 crowns with six months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

JAPANESE GOVT.'S CONCERN FOR LAW AND ORDER

Arrests 2 Subjects For Alleged Mischief At Shanghai Meeting

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5.

The Japanese authorities have arrested two Japanese who are alleged to have attempted to set on fire mat sheds erected for a special meeting of rate payers of the International Settlement.

An announcement issued on Tuesday night by the Japanese Consulate-General states that the two were detained by Japanese military sentries while attempting to enter the Japanese defence sector in the western district soon after the incident took place.

"From the view point of enforcing law and order strict punishment will be meted out to the culprits if found guilty."—Reuter.

DROP SALES TAX BILL

Bengal Landholders On Grave Economic Situation

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5

"The economic situation in the countryside has become so grave that even an incidence of a pice in a rupee becomes a heavy burden," observes Maharaja S. K. Acharya of Mymensingh, Honorary Secretary of the Bengal Landholders' Association, in a memorandum submitted to the Secretary of the Government of Bengal in the Finance Department, disapproving the introduction of the Bengal Finance (Sales Tax) Bill, 1941, now before a Select Committee of the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

The Association does not approve of a tax on the gross turnover of a business without reference to the net profit, and adds that there are many businesses where the actual net profit does not come up to 2 per cent of the turnover.

The Association urges the Government to seriously consider the desirability of dropping the proposed legislation, as it is definitely of the opinion that any further burden of taxation will have repercussions on the already low general economic level of the province, "a further deterioration of which cannot but aggravate the sufferings of the already miserable and distrussed people of Bengal."—A. P.

PETAIN STILL HOLDS OUT

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shot, the present German attempts to squeeze out more from France are necessitated by the British victories over England and in the Mediterranean which have made Hitler realise that the original Armistice extortions, which it was thought last June would be sufficient to enable Germany to beat Britain while reconciling French opinion by an outward show of moderation, are now inadequate.

French Fleet And Hitler

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Times" writes:

"Comings and goings of individuals between Paris, Vichy and Berlin and reports and rumours of the last three weeks have led up to a point of focus in Admiral Darlan's visit to Paris yesterday. The fact that the Admiral was chosen as the emissary, and not the Foreign Minister Flandin, is an indication that the main point under discussion between Vichy and Berlin was control of the French Fleet and harbours on both sides of the Mediterranean.

It is commonly believed that Hitler's immediate and most urgent desire is to get the use of Mediterranean ports and have at his disposal as many French warships as remain in French hand. Yesterday's morning (according to a British United Press message) "Le Journal", published at Vichy, quoted Admiral Darlan as saying in an interview:

"The French Fleet will now and in future remain under complete French jurisdiction", and he is reported to have added: "The fleet would defend itself and the Empire against any challenge from any quarter whatsoever."

The interview has not been repudiated and it can, therefore, only be surmised that the Vichy Government's reply to Hitler is in substance negative on the naval question."

Vichy Govt. To Be Revised Within 48 Hours

M. Laval will not return to Vichy until it is decided what position he is to occupy in the reconstructed Cabinet.

This was the only reason why he did not return with Admiral Darlan yesterday, according to the "New York Times" Vichy correspondent. It is expected that the Cabinet revision will be completed within 48 hours.

Admiral Darlan took to Vichy voluminous data prepared by M Laval which according to a reliable report sets forth "the benefits" that would accrue from Franco-German collaboration.—

Meanwhile M. Paul Baudoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post. This according to the official German News Agency is the Presidency of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Fleet Will Remain French

Before leaving for Paris early yesterday Admiral Darlan, "as Commander-in-Chief of the undefeated French navy", authorised for publication a statement to the effect that FRANCE'S FLEET "IS AND WILL REMAIN FRENCH AND WILL DEFEND ITSELF AND THE FRENCH EMPIRE AGAINST ANY CHALLENGE".

This statement was quoted by the Vichy correspondent of the "New York Times".

Reinstatement Of Laval In Few Days

Vichy is expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of M. Laval in the next few days, says a Geneva despatch to the official German News Agency. M. Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government to be given "far reaching powers", the despatch adds.—Reuter.

33 FASCIST LEADERS REPLACED

LONDON, Feb. 5.

According to an unconfirmed report 33 Fascist leaders have been replaced.—Reuter.

NEW COMET SEEN IN BOMBAY

Tail Of Star Clearly Visible Claim Star Gazers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

At long last, the much-discussed comet which was reported to have been observed in Colombo, Travancore and a few other places in the South is claimed to have been observed by sky-gazers who have been scanning the sky for it since the comet was first discovered in Colombo.

To-night, however, their efforts were crowned with success and it is definitely known that the comet was seen in a South Westerly direction and its bearings recorded as 45 deg. S. W., somewhere in the region of the moon, 7-30 onwards.

A distinct phenomenon, where the tail of the star was clearly visible to observers with powerful telescopes is said to have been observed by many amateur observers in the city.

A telephonic talk with Dr. Savur, Director of the Colaba Observatory, revealed that the comet was also observed by the meteorological authorities in Bombay. Dr. Savur was himself busy for hours together making a close study of the phenomena. The strange star it is said was visible till about 11-30.

Observers from the suburbs reported that it was also faintly visible to the naked eye and seen slowly travelling northwards as the night advanced.

Inquiries in scientific quarters show no calamitous importance is attached to the comet.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

It is positively ascertained that it is neither Cunningham's Comet nor "the McIntosh Comet", but it is stated to be an entirely new discovery.

9,000 JAPANESE KILLED IN HONAN

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5.

Over 9,000 Japanese troops have been killed in severe fighting in south Honan province, north and central China in the past five days, according to Chinese press reports, which claim that Chinese defenders successfully repulsed attacks on all fronts —Reuter.

BOMB THROWN AT U. K. CONSULATE BLDG.

Woman Seriously Injured In Outrage In Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Feb. 5.

A bomb exploded in a reading room one floor below the British Consulate-General at Zagreb on Tuesday. A woman is reported to have been seriously injured.

The bomb is thought to have been thrown through a window. Books and furniture were destroyed.—Reuter.

BENGAL CLUB SPORTS FESTIVAL

The annual sports festival organised by Bengal Club, Parel, will be held on Sunday, 9th instant, from 8 a.m. at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana Ground, Parel. The Hon. Mr. Justice K. C. Sen, of the Bombay High Court, will preside and distribute the prizes.

RETREATING ITALIANS TO BE SHOT

Fascist General's Order Of The Day: Greeks Storm High Mountain

LONDON, Feb. 5.

In Albania, the Greeks have taken numerous prisoners together with abandoned supplies, armaments, food and munitions.

An Athen's "communique" says that the Italian General of the eleventh Italian Division in an order of the day had appealed to his men to have the honour of Italy. "Captured Italian Alpine troops said that the order was to shoot any soldier who retreated. The Greeks stormed a high mountain path where the Italians had established a powerful stronghold.—Reuter.

VALONA RENDERED USELESS

VALONA, a port which is increasingly threatened by the Greek advances along the coast road from Chimarra and by the recent successes before Klisura and around Tepelini, has been rendered useless, state Italian prisoners captured by the Greeks in the last few days.

The Italians, according to reports from war correspondents with the Greek army, are now using a small neighbouring port. Reports that the Italians have fortified Valona and Durazo and are constructing camps and digging trenches do not appear to be confirmed.—Reuter.

Greeks Capture Another Height

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Greek troops are maintaining pressure all along the Albanian front, according to a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast by the Athens radio. Many prisoners and a great quantity of war material have been captured. After fierce attacks the Greeks captured another important height on the Central (Klisura) front. Greek artillery in the coastal and central area have now been brought up to new positions recently secured by the Greeks "of which full advantage is being taken to harass the enemy", says the statement.—Reuter.

RADIO HOSTILITIES IN COMMONS

Jamming Answered By Jamming

LONDON, Feb. 5

The work of the economics and financial sections of the League of Nations, now in the United States, is proceeding satisfactorily and the International Labour Organisation, temporarily domiciled in Canada, is carrying on as far as possible on normal lines. The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler told the House of Commons at question time that it was the British Government's desire to make the best practical use of those organisations.

The existence of radio hostilities was disclosed as a sequel to a question about jamming which is occurring on the so-called forces programme of the B.B.C. The Minister of Information, Mr. Duff-Cooper, said that jamming which was of Italian origin occurred on the forces programme wavelength because that transmitter was used at times to broadcast in foreign languages.

When questioned whether no retaliatory measures had been taken Mr. Duff-Cooper said that the main form of counteraction was to reply by jamming hostile wavelengths and "this we do our best to do within such limits as our resources impose upon us."—Reuter.

Successful Mecca Pilgrimage

ADEN, Feb. 5.

This year's Mecca pilgrimage is described as the most successful by the first pilgrims to arrive in Aden and Mecca. Although the attendance from overseas has not been as large as in peacetime, many thousands came from Palestine, Syria and the Arabian hinterland.—Reuter.

LORD LLOYD DEAD

"Stormy Petrel Of Modern Politics"

DEVASTATING CRITIC OF LABOUR GOVT. WHO JOINED CHURCHILL IN OPPOSING INDIA BILL

LONDON, Feb. 5.

LORD LLOYD, SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS, DIED PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

Unitil comparatively recently, Lord Lloyd was one of the stormy petrels of modern politics. A man of great ability when he espoused a cause, he stood by it to the end, no matter what criticism was levelled at him.

LABOUR GOVT. CRITIC

After a long period in the House of Commons and with service in the last Great War, mainly in the Near East, he became High Commissioner for Egypt in 1925 and was created a peer. When he was relieved of the office in 1929 at the time of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations by the then Labour Government their action was signalised by debates in both Houses of Parliament when the Conservative Opposition made the most of the matter.

On his return to this country although nominally a Conservative, he sat on cross-benches of the House of Lords and was a devastating critic of the Labour Government of teh day.

On the India Bill issue, he was with Mr. Churchill and the minority of the Conservative party in opposing it and was a powerful advocate against it in the House of Lords and the country. He continued his criticism of Government measures long after the war started but these were mostly directed to more effective prosecution of the war rather than criticism for criticism's sake.

AS COLONIAL SECRETARY

In May last, he joined the Government as Colonial Secretary and showed every sign of being a progressive statesman and minister. He worked quietly and unassumingly but very hard devoting himself to the welfare of the Colonial Empire. He never spared himself and this is probably the reason for his death.

His Under-Secretary was a Labour party man but they worked in close harmony. Although Lord Lloyd was looked upon as a diehard of diehards, it was left to him to bring improvements in Labour conditions in the colonies which caused much controversies in pre-war days.

During the recess he was appointed leader of the House of Lords but owing to illness he was unable to speak in that capacity. To the end he was a good and hard fighter who won the respect of his opponents irrespective of party. He was doing a great work in the Colonial Office when his career was brought to an untimely end.

Life Sketch

(George Ambrose Lloyd, born in 1879 was educated at Eton; and Cambridge where he was a student of eastern politics. He travelled extensively in Burma, India, Little Tibet, Himalayas, Egypt, Morocco and Asia Minor. He was later appointed attache to H. M. Embassy at Constantinople, was special commissioner to inquire into British trade in Turkey, Mesopotamia and Persian Gulf, 1908; he served in the European War in Egypt, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and Hedjaz 1914-1918. He was M. P. for West Staffordshire 1910-1918 and Governor of Bombay 1918-23; M. P. for Eastbourne 1924-25; High Commissioner for Egypt 1925-29.)

Lord Lloyd of Dolobran whose death is announced at the age of 62 is best known in Bombay where as Sir George Ambrose Lloyd he ruled the Bombay Presidency as Governor of Bombay from 1918 to 1923, and was the father of the Bombay Development Scheme and the Lloyd Barrage of Sind.

He occupied several high posts in England, and was appointed High Commissioner of Egypt, as successor to Lord Allenby, in 1925 which post he held till July 1929. He differed from the Labour Cabinet in the policy towards Egypt and his services were dispensed with He was made P. C. in 1924. He represented Eastbourne in Parliament from November, 1924 till May, 1925. Peerage was conferred on him in October, 1925.)

Formula For Transfer Of Planes

LONDON, Feb. 5.

It is expected in Washington that a formula for transferring to Britain large numbers of airplanes now attached to the American Navy and Army would follow the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill now before the Congress reports the British United Press.

Flying Fortresses, the report adds, would be included in the transfer and airplanes already ordered by Britain in the United States would then be taken over for American defence.—

GREAT LOSS TO BRITAIN AND COMMONWEALTH

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.

"It is a great loss to England and to the British Commonwealth."

This tribute to the late Lord Lloyd was paid by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, who was a member of the Executive Council from 1921-24 during Lord Lloyd's tenure as Governor of Bombay.

In an interview Sir Chimanlal said: "In Lord Lloyd's passing away a very useful career has been prematurely cut short and England has lost a man of grace and action. He was a person of resolute character and had the great quality of drive. The Sukkur Barrage scheme, which has meant such a great boon to Sind would never have been accomplished but for his determinaion to see it through.

"Similarly it was his long vision that brought into existence the Marine Drive Reclamation in Bombay. In those days he was much criticised for his various schemes and for the reclamation scheme in particular but events have justified his wisdom.

"My personal relations with him were very cordial and in his passing away, I feel a great personal loss. Only a shortwhile ago after he became the Secretary for the Colonies I received a letter from him full of his old spirit and reflecting his great enthusiasm in the prosecution of the war".—A. P.

Career Ended In Frustration

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Sir Homi Mody in a tribute to the late Lord Lloyd said:—"The death of Lord Lloyd has prematurely removed from the scene a man of outstanding abilities and forceful character. He suffered from the defects of his qualities, however, and his career, except towards the close, seemed to end in frustration. In an age of mediocrities his passing away must mean a real loss and it will be regretted by all who, whatever their differences with him, admired and respected the man".—A. P.

Who Will Succeed Lord Lloyd?

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The question of a successor to Lord Lloyd is complicated by the fact that in addition to being Colonial Secretary, Lord Lloyd was the Leader of the House of Lords. The only other Secretary of State in the House of Lords is Lord Cranbourne and he is a newcomer. In some quarters, a suggestion is made that Lord Harlech who is now one of the Civil Defence Commissioners will be recalled to take over both the positions. Others suggest that the Duke of Devonshire is in the running.

Constitutionally, there must be two secretaries of state in the Lords; so the present vacancy must be filled by a peer.—Reuter.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Mr. B. M. Naik, a correspondent from Santa Cruz, writes to ask me "the proprieties of the following terms", thinking, as he says he does, that I am a student of English language and literature. The terms are: (1) Good morning (2) Good Day (3) Good afternoon (4) Good evening and Good night. After making careful inquiries and consulting all the available data on the subject I have come to these following conclusions:

(1)—Good morning is purely a term of politeness and shows good breeding irrespective of the state of the weather. In fact the more wretched the weather, the more necessary it is to say good morning. Also used satirically as when wanting to remind some one of what happened the night before. (2) Good day —a purely Anglo-Indian expression used in Government offices when a poor clerk is about to be sacked.

(3) "Good afternoon"—a term used by a creditor when he runs into a debtor unexpectedly and sees a vision of collecting the debt (4) Good evening and Good night—the only two in the series worth using; they reflect the state of the party—are you coming or going?

News from Bruce Street says that two new directors have been appointed in Tata Sons —Mr. Ardeser Shroff and Mr. Naval Tata. Mr. Shroff's appointment as director has been overdue and will add to the prestige of the House of Tatas. The family of Tatas could not long afford to leave the financial genius of the firm out of the board. Naval Tata is very young and his appointment as director is obviously for reasons different from those for which Mr. Shroff has been appointed. But he is a nice enough young man to realize what lies ahead of him and to work in a manner, which will do credit to the House of Tatas, which from being purely a family affair is now fast becoming a national institution. There is to-day a new and healthy influence in this House in Bruce Street and it would be well for young Naval Tata to continue to follow in the wake of another young man whose unassuming and modest personality is the outstanding feature of Tatas to-day. And that I think Naval Tata is sure to do

ITALIAN POSITION IN E. AFRICA

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mined leadership is undoubtedly possible.

Only in Eritrea is a crushing military defeat a possibility and even there the defeated force might retire southwards.

Protracted resistance would however entail great hardship and danger for the Italian colonies and civil population. It would seem improbable that Italian morale and determination would stand the strain indefinitely or emulate the performances of von Lettow in Germany East Africa in the last war.

A major British success in Eritrea would encourage Abyssinian revolt and might bring about a general collapse.

Immediate and rapid results, such as are being achieved in Libya, cannot, however, be expected unless there is a breakdown of the Italian will to continue the struggle.

SATYAGRAHA IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, Feb. 5.

Seven people including Qazi Ataullah, ex-Education Minister, offered Satyagraha in the Frontier Province on February 3. They were not arrested.—A. P.

Ex-President Of A.-I. T U. C. Arrested At Last

DR. BANERJEE REMOVED TO CALCUTTA JAIL

SATYAGRAHA ARRESTS & CONVICTIONS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, M.L.A. (Labour), ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, was arrested at Chitraganj near Budge-Budge for shouting anti-war slogans and delivering anti-war speech before a large gathering of Congressmen and workers this afternoon. He was later removed to Calcutta under police escort.

Dr. Banerjee had been offering Satyagraha in Calcutta and suburbs occasionally for the past few weeks.—A. P.



DR. SURESH CHANDRA BANNERJEE, ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, who has at last been arrested.

Bengal And Orissa

Arrests And Convictions

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5

The following reports of arrests and convictions in connection with the Satyagraha movement were received today:—

PURI: Mr. Lingaraj Misra, editor of "Samaj", Cuttack, has been sentenced to nine months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100.

DHANBAD. Mr. Mahadev Ojha, has been arrested for offering Satyagraha at Karkundbazar.

SAMBALPUR: Baikunth Padhi has been sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30.

The following persons have been convicted and sentenced by the sub-Divisional Officer, Bargah (Sambalpur):—

Ramcharit Varma, Jogendra Dora, Parameshwar Sahoo, Pareswar Sahoo, Hanu Padhan, Biranchi Podhan, Chanara Paradia, and Nrushingh Purchit—one day's imprisonment and a small fine each: Bangshi Dhar Sahoo and Dibyasundar Sahoo—three weeks' imprisonment and a small fine: Aniruddha Sahoo and Chamara Bariha —six weeks' imprisonment.

The following were convicted and sentenced by the sub-Divisional Magistrate at Nawpara (Sambalpur): Lachhman Ram Lal Debangan Krupram Debangan, Rama Sahoo. Kiju Das, Narain Das, Lakshman Das and Ahmad Bhai Azad—three months' rigorous imprisonment and a small fine each.

Gopal Chandra Sarma of Bamra State has been arrested for shouting anti-war slogans at Mali Delhi.

The Intelligence Branch Police searched several places, including a dispensary, at Balurghat (Bengal) on the morning of February 3. The searches were made under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

RAIDS AND ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

The special branch of the Calcutta Police this morning raided several places in the city and suburbs and arrested about half a dozen persons.

The searches and arrests were made under the Defence of India Rules.

The day before yesterday the police conducted similar searches in the city and took eighteen persons into custody.—A.P.

Sitaram Saxeria's Arrest & Release

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

Enquiries made in Diamond Harbour (24 Parganas District) regarding the rumour of the arrest of Mr. Sitaram Saxeria, a member of the A.I.C.C., show that on Monday evening, while returning from Nurpurhat (port area) after offering Satyagraha he was detained by the local authorities for some time, but was subsequently let off. Mr. Saxeria has since notified his intention to offer Satyagraha again to-day in the same area.

Business in the Calcutta Stock Exchange remained suspended for about an hour yesterday morning on the rumour of Mr. Saxeria's arrest, but the market opened at 1 p.m., when the report was found to be incorrect.—A. P.

Calcutta Satyagrahis Not Arrested

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

Messrs. Umashankar Shastree, Ramnath Singh, Ramachal Upadhyay and Shib Hari Saganeria offered Satyagraha at different places in the City of Calcutta today. None of them was arrested.—A. P.

In The Punjab:

LAHORE, Feb. 5.

Jaswantsingh, a Congress worker was arrested this evening on the Ravi Road for offering Satyagraha.—A. P.

APPROVAL OF 42 SATYAGRAHIS

LAHORE, Feb. 4.

Forty-two 'Satyagrahis' from Lahore approved by Mahatma Gandhi will offer 'Satyagraha' between February 5 and 28. They include Mrs. Freda Bedi (an English lady), Shrimati Amar Kaur, Lala Jagat Narain and Lala Hemraj, President and General Secretary of the Lahore District Congress, Mr. A. L. Raliram, Nationalist Christian, Mr. Jugal Kishore, an M. A. student and others.—United Press.

Suspension For Moharrum

LAHORE, Feb. 5.

"Satyagraha" has been suspended in Ludhiana, Sialkot, Multan and Jullunder districts of the Punjab owing to the "Moharrum" celebrations.—A. P.

In The U. P.

City Congress Chief Arrested

LUCKNOW, Feb. 5.

Mr. Daya Krishna Ganjoor, acting President of the Lucknow City Congress Committee, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

CONVICTIONS AT LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, Feb. 5.

Mr. Gur Charan, a member of the District Congress Committee has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment in connexion with Satyagraha.

Shrimati Maharani Devi Saxena, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5 under the Defence of India Rules.

BENARES:—Mr. Satya Narain Sharma, Officiating Gen. Secretary, Benares State Congress Committee, has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Meerut Arrests

MEERUT, Feb. 5.

Mr. Munshilal, Member of City Congress Committee, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules at his residence and taken to Meerut jail.

Mr. Raj Shekhar Gundappe, member of City Congress Committee, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules in village Jiwana in Tehsil Baghpat and lodged in Meerut District Jail.—A P.

ANOTHER LIST FOR GANDHIJI'S APPROVAL

LUCKNOW, Feb. 5.

Another list of Satyagrahis from the United Provinces containing about 6,000 names, including the remaining members of the District Congress Committee and almost all members of the Town Congress Committees, is, it is understood, being sent to Gandhiji shortly for his approval.

About 1,200 persons comprising ex-Ministers, M.L.A.'s, and members of the A.-I. C. C. and of the Provincial and District Congress Committees have courted arrest by offering Satyagraha, since the launching of the individual Civil Disobedience movement.—United Press.

In Adhra

PANCHAYAT BOARD CHIEF JAILED

TIRUPATI, February 4

The Joint Magistrate Chandragiri sentenced Mr. V. V. Ramayya Chetty, President, Panchayat Board Renigunta, to three months' R. I. and to pay fine of Rs. 50 in default to further one month R. I. under the Defence of India Rules.

The Magistrate discharged two others stating that the police who arrested them under the Defence of India Rules did not think necessary to file charge sheets.—A. P.

MADRAS, Feb. 5

An Amalapuram message says: Mr. Rambhala Tatayya, member of the D.C.C. who offered Satyagraha in his village has been sentenced by the Divisional Magistrate to nine months' rigorous imprisonment, and fine of Rs. 1,000 in default further three months' rigorous imprisonment. He was placed in "B" Class.—A. P.

Where Dr. Mahodaya Offers Satyagraha

WARDHA, Feb. 4.

An eleventh hour change has been effected for Dr. Mahodaya's 'Satyagraha' for which the venue was originally fixed at Selu, ten miles from here. Dr. Mahodaya will, according to the change, offer 'Satyagraha' at Gandhi Chowk, Wardha, to-morrow morning.—United Press.

Charges Framed Against C. P. M. L. A.

WARDHA. Feb. 5

The trial began before Mr. B. N. Kunte, First Class Magistrate, in Wardha jail under Section 34 (6) of the Defence of India Rules, of Dr. Jagannath Mahodaya, M.L.A., who was arrested this morning before offering Satyagraha.

Dr. Mahodaya declined to take part in the proceedings.

Charges were then framed under Rule 38 (1) read with Rules 34 (6) D and K and Rule 121 of the Defence of India Rules for alleged intention of doing a prejudicial act against the successful prosecution of war. Judgment will be delivered tomorrow.—United Press

"BE PREPARED FOR PROLONGED MOVEMENT"

NAGPUR, Feb. 4.

The present Satyagraha movement is likely to be a prolonged one is the view understood to have been expressed by Mahatma Gandhi, to the President of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee who interviewed him recently.

Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have told him that Satyagrahis should be prepared for a prolonged movement.—A. P.

3 CONGRESSMEN ARRESTED ON WEDNESDAY

Sardar Pratapsingh, P. S. Chapsi And M. P. Shah Taken To Nasik

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The satyagraha campaign of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will continue during the week, each batch of three Congressmen sending intimation to the Police Commissioner of their plans, every alternate day.

The Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee however will not resume the campaign until next week. This decision, it is understood, is in view of the Mohurrum.

The next batch of satyagrahis from the city of Bombay proposes to send intimation to the Commissioner of Police to-morrow of its intention to offer satyagraha on Friday. The batch will include Mr. Bhawanishanker Ozha, President of the "C" Ward Congress Committee, Mr. Baburao Gholap, President of the "D" Ward Congress Committee, and Pandit Rajaram Trivedi, member of the "C" Ward Congress Committee.

Mr. Joachim Alwa who was to have been included in this week's batch of Satyagrahis has been given a few days time. He will probably be included in the batch which proposes to offer Satyagraha in the middle of next week.

A batch of three Satyagrahis which had informed the Police Commissioner of their plan to offer Satyagraha in the city this evening, was arrested in the early hours of the morning. The arrested batch included Sardar Pratapsingh, Vice-President of the "A" Ward Congress Committee, Mr. Purshottam Shivdas Chapsi, member of the "E" Ward Congress Committee and Mr. Mulji P. Shah, member of the "B" Ward Congress Committee. The satyagrahis were taken to Nasik by train.

Alva To Offer Satyagraha On Feb. 13

Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, the President of the B. P. C. C. has now fixed February 13 as the day on which Mr. Joachim Alva will be due to offer Satyagraha; Mr. Desai having cancelled the fixture of his offering Satyagraha to-day.

Notice to the Commissioner of Police will be duly forwarded on February 12.

ARYA SAMAJISTS RELEASED ON BAIL

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Jaisingh Vasudeo Verma and Balusingh Gurusingh, said to be the members of the Working Committee of the 'Forward Bloc' of Arya Samaj were arrested by the Gamdevi Police yesterday, in connection with the meeting held at Chowpatty on Sunday last to give send-off to the Arya Samaj Volunteers, who, it is alleged, were going to Government House to perform "Havan" there.

They were produced to-day before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate of Girgaum Police Court on a charge of being members of an unlawful assembly and were ordered to be released on bail till February 12.

Poona City Fathers' Concern For Bose

POONA, Feb. 5.—The Poona City Municipality to-day adjourned its general body meeting without transacting any business due to the disappearance of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.—A. P.

IN GUJARAT

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 5.

The total number of Satyagrahis arrested in Gujarat from 15th to 31st January is 126. Of these 110 have been sentenced while 16 are awaiting trial.

The total number of arrests since the commencement of the present Satyagraha campaign is 217.—A. P.

Four Satyagrahis Jailed

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 5.

Four more Satyagrahis who were arrested while shouting anti-war slogans were tried and sentenced to-day to six months' simple imprisonment each. One of them was given "B" class while the rest were given "C" class.—A. P.

ARRESTS IN GUJARAT

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 5.

Mr. Ranchhodbhai Bakorbhai Patel was arrested to-day while shouting anti-war slogans at Velar village of Ahmedabad district.

Mr. Anand Shanker Jayadevbhai Shukla, who was arrested while shouting anti-war slogans at Poglu village of Ahmedabad district, was tried and sentenced to-day to six months' simple imprisonment.—A. P.

Satyagrahis From Gujarat

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 5.

Two hundred and seventeen Satyagrahis have courted jail from Gujarat upto 31st January, out of whom 126 were arrested during the last fortnight. It is understood that another big list has been prepared for Gandhiji's approval.

Satyagrahis From Broach District

(By Our Correspondent)

BROACH, Feb. 3.

It is reliably understood that four leading members of the Broach Bar will offer Satyagraha during the second week of this month presumably between the 11th and the 15th inst.

NO CLASS TO PLEADERS

Upto the end of January, 47 Satyagrahis have courted imprisonment from the District. Out of these, 35 were arrested under Section 129 (A) of the Defence of India Act. The rest were tried and sentenced under S. 38 (5) of the Act. Eight have been sentenced to six months' R. I. and given 'C' class. Only one woman Satyagrahi is given 'B' class. No class has been recommended for the two Jambusar Pleaders, Messrs. Vinodchandra Shah and Ambashankar Navnitlal. It is apprehended that they will be given the treatment allotted to 'C' class prisoners In this connection it may be mentioned that they were given 'C' class treatment while they were in the Broach Sub-Jail.

MAHARASHTRA'S CONGRESS NOMINEES

POONA, February 5

Mr. T. R. Deogirikar, President, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, announces that Mr. Rajmal Lakhichand, M.L.A., (Bombay) and Mr. S. M. Jedhe from Poona have been selected to contest on the Congress ticket the by-elections for the Central Assembly in respect of the seats declared vacant by the imprisonment of Mr. K. M. Jedhe and Mr. N. V. Gadgil.

It is understood that the nomination papers will be filed tomorrow.—A. P.

Rajmal Lakhmichand & Dadasaheb Jedhe

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Feb. 5.

Rajmal Lakhmichand is a Congress Member of the Bombay Assembly representing East Khandesh where he has been in public life for the last 20 years. He was Vice-Chairman of the Reception Committee of Faizpur Congress. He is a wealthy merchant of the district widely known for public activities and connected as Director with a number of Insurance Companies.

Sakharam Maruti alias Dadasaheb Jedhe is the eldest brother of Keshavrao Jedhe and a popular figure in Maharashtra peasant world.

Praja Parishad Worker Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

BHAVNAGAR, Feb. 5

Parisad worker, Rajabali Lakhani, was arrested on Tuesday at Ghoga for shouting anti-war slogans. Rajabali was taken to Sabarmati Jail by evening train.

Zagadia Satyagrahi Arrested

(By Our Correspondent)

BROACH. (By Mail)

Sjt. Thakorlal Chaganlal Shah of Zagadia, Rajpipla State, who had notified the District Magistrate of his intention to offer Satyagraha at Nikora was arrested at 2-30 p.m. on Tuesday at Shukaltirtha under Section 129(A) of the Defence of India Act. He was brought here in the afternoon and removed to Sabarmati Central Jail by the local train

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GRIEVANCES OF KANARA DISTS.

Trade Dislocated And Passengers Greatly Inconvenienced; Appeal To Govt. To Release Some Ships For Bombay-Mangalore Line

On behalf of the Bombay-Kanara Steamer Passenger grievances Committee, representing some 60 Kanara and Karnatak institutions in Bombay and Kanara districts, the Chairman, Rao Bahadur D. V. Nadkarni, has forwarded a representation to the Commerce Member of the Government of India on the subject of the grievances of the travelling public and the commercial community of the two Kanara districts.

The memorandum states that the passenger service between Bombay and Mangalore were entirely suspended owing to the requisitioning by the Government of India of the vessels which used to carry the passenger cum cargo traffic on that line.

A considerable portion of Kanarites both in Bombay as well as in the two districts of Kanara, are wage earners and traders of small means and the steamer route was available of by them as it is most convenient and comparatively cheap and quicker means of travel.

The complete closure of this route has placed them in great hardships when the alternative means of transport, apart from several difficulties particularly to women and children involves an extra expenditure varying from Rs. 12 to Rs. 16. To the Kanara residents in Bombay, it has become a problem of grave anxiety, being used to cheap and comfortable travel by sea.

DISLOCATION OF TRADE

It has affected cargo traffic and the dislocation of trade in the produce of the districts has adverse effects on the material prosperity of the two Kanaras, aggravating distress, rendering idle shippers, merchants, labourers and others in various allied trades.

It is pointed out that on other coast lines of India there has not been such complete stoppage of steamer traffic as it has been in the case of the Bombay-Mangalore line. The services in the Bay of Bengal are continuing without any material diminution. The Madras-Rangoon service was resumed after a couple of months' suspension through the good offices of the Commerce Member.

Having regard to the solicitude shown by the Government of India to the Haj traffic by way of bearing part of the costs and providing escort, the Committee appeals to the Commerce Member to be so good as to sanction the release of a couple of ships for maintaining a skeleton service between Bombay and Mangalore.

Assam Drive Against Opium

GAUHATI (Assam), February 5.

It is understood that the Government of Assam has decided to observe February 26 as an "All-Assam Anti-Opium Prohibition Day", in pursuance of the decision to close down all opium shops from March 1, 1941, as declared by the present Ministry. All educational institutions will be closed on the occasion and mass meetings, lectures and processions will be organised at selected centres in rural and urban areas of the Province.—A. P.

Punjab Premier And Indian Deadlock

LAHORE, Feb. 5.

The Associated Press is authoritatively informed that there is no truth in the report in certain sections of the Press that Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, the Punjab Premier, is or has been negotiating with the Congress and the Government of India with a view to bringing about a settlement between them.

It had been reported that the Punjab Premier had placed before both the parties some new formula designed to set up a satisfactory form of Government immediately. The Premier, it is stated, has taken no such step.—A. P.

MORE ARMS ACT ARREST

LAHORE. Feb. 5.

Two arrests were made in Lahore to-day under the Arms Act. In one case the police are alleged to have recovered an unlicensed revolver and in the other a double-barelled gun. This brings the total number of arrests under the Arms Act during the past two days to five.—A. P.

SIND TO HAVE P. C. C. SECRETARIAT

KARACHI. Feb. 3.

The establishment of a permanent Provincial Congress Secretariat with its headquarters at Karachi was decided upon at a meeting of the Council of Sind Provincial Congress Committee to-night. The proposed Secretariat will co-ordinate the work of the district constituents.

FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

The meeting appointed five committees to tour the district and preach the importance of constructive work and thereby create an atmosphere of peace and security in villages. The Committees will commence their work immediately and report to the Council before the end of the month.

The question of contesting general elections to the borough municipalities under the system of Joint Electorates was referred to the General Body of the Provincial Congress Committee, while that of contesting by-elections to Sind Assembly from Bojnmcohri for seat rendered vacant by the death of Pamnani was referred to Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

Viceroy Suffers From Slight Chill

NEW DELHI. Feb. 5.

H. E. the Viceroy is suffering from a slight chill and has had to cancel his engagements for the next few days.—A. P.

A requisition signed by five members has been forwarded to the President of the Rawalpindi Municipal Committee requesting him to summon an emergent meeting of the Committee to discuss the question of presenting a civic address to Mr. Jinnah.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BADEN-POWELL

Over four hundred Catholic Scouts, Rovers, Cubs and Girl Guides from Bombay and the suburbs assembled on the grounds of St. Mary's High School on Sunday last for the service in memory of the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell organised by the Bombay Catholic Scouts Guild.

The service began at 5 p.m. with a hymn. Thereafter, a life sketch of the late Scout Chief was read by the President of the Guild, Mr. J. S. Pereira, followed by an address by the Guides and one by the Scouts. After this prayers were said by Rev. Fr. T. Molina followed by 3 minutes silence. The service terminated with Solemn Benediction given by the Rt. Rev. M. M. Balagur, S. J., Vicar General.

In the course of his address, Mr. J. S. Pereira, President of the Guild said, "Lord Baden-Powell our Chief Scout is no more. His loss is irreparable. But his work for the youth and boyhood of the world lives with us. Let us live up to the standard of life set up by him and let us thus keep his memory afresh.

Momin Ladies Condemn Pakistan Scheme

The second session of the Momin Ladies' Conference was held with great success at Khirgaon on the 29th January, 1941 under the presidentship of Begum Zaitum Aaghar Sahiba gathering exceeded 5,000 Hindu leaders of the place also were present who were presented with flowers. Resolutions were passed condemning the Pakistan scheme and Bengal Government circular prohibiting recording of caste among Muslims. Government of all other provinces were requested to follow U. P. Government in issuing circular to record Momins properly in the coming census.

Beware Of Unlicensed "Competitions"

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:—

It has come to the notice of the Government of Bombay that the organizers of "competitions" which come within the purview of the Bombay Prize Competition Act, 1939, frequently publish their schemes and even start collections of subscriptions without first obtaining the requisite licence from the prescribed authority. The public are accordingly reminded that all such competitions require licences and if such competitions are started without first making sure of obtaining the licence, the organizers render themselves liable to prosecution under the Act. Persons who wish to purchase tickets or to participate in such competitions are therefore strongly advised to make sure, before parting with their money, that their selected scheme or competition has received the necessary sanction from the prescribed authorities who are the Collector of Bombay for Bombay City and the Suburban District and the Collectors for their respective Districts.

It has been found that subscriptions are being collected in Bombay City for several "lucky number" and such like competitions which purport to raise money for war funds. At present the only funds licensed under the Act in Bombay City and the Suburban area are (1) the "Rupee Fund controlled by the Bombay War Gifts Fund Committee of which the tickets bear the signature of Lady Blackwell," (2) the G. I. P. Railway Lucky Number Sweep and (3) Mrs Sabavala's Four Charities Calendar Scheme.

THE NEW PHRASE—A NEW WORLD-ORDER

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side, and Pt. Jawaharlal and the Working Committee (including Shri Rajagopalachari) i.e., the whole of the Congress, on the other, parted company expressly, a few months ago. That parting lasted for only a short while. They have reunited, in action, but not in views. The result of this very partial unity will be, that the action will not be so strong and effective as it should be, and otherwise would be. Yet there is no fundamental incompatibility between the views of the two. They can be easily reconciled, if each would only shed a little of his extremism. 'Intuition' and 'intellect', high morals and far-seeing broad-planning reason, indispensably need each other. They are as heart and head. Each is incomplete without the other. 'Prayer and inspiration' are as the breathing of air; 'carefully thinking and reasoning out results and planning out long-sighted programmes' are as liquid and solid food.

If Mahatma Gandhi would not confine himself to the sentiments of Tolstoi and Emerson and Thoreau and some parts of the Sermon on the Mount; if Pt. Jawaharlal would not focus attention on only the arguments of Marx and Engels and Lenin; if they would both jointly study the full significance of even only two lines of the world-honoured Gita, which Mahatma Gandhi believes inasmuch as in the Sermon on the Mount, viz., the two lines which lay down the principles of Social Organisation; if, together with Maulana Azad, they would study in the light of these two lines, a single sentence of the (Swadeshi) famous Aini-Akbari of Abul-fazl; if they would do so, they would find their views completely reconciled. They would, then, be able to co-operate much more whole-heartedly, effectively, strongly. With their exceptional will-power, driving-force, heroic self-sacrifice, capacity for attracting and securing the devotion of the people 'en masse', they would be able to lead that People, without vacillations, steadily and successfully, to the then clearly visualised, widely understood, steadfastly, loyally, and unitedly striven-for goal.

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In the meanwhile because of the lack of unity, between these two leaders, older and younger, on the vital, all-important subject of the Nature of the Goal; which lack of unity is due to great haziness in the minds of both, on that subject; the Congress cannot make steady progress. Instead, Mahatma Gandhi's successive very nobly-motived shock-tactics have failed to produce the results that were expected; and Pt. Jawaharlal's speeches and writings, voicing as they have done, only vague aspirations, have created only all sorts of cloudy hopes of a new heaven and a new earth, and very harmful misunderstandings, in the minds of the people, (as have done Mahatma Gandhi's 'Ram-Raj' and 'poor men's raj etc., also, from another direction).

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Pt. Jawaharlal has walked into jail again, very shortly after having excellently discribed his first clearer glimpse of the Nature of the Goal, as above. It makes me very sad to see, that he, (with tens of thousands of others, each public-spirited, each self-denying, more or less—no other political or communal party, League, or Sabha, of India, has so many; none better; many have not even any such) should spend years upon years of his fine life in prison, without any substantial result. Of course, all such imprisonments, and other sufferings and losses, lathi-charges, shootings, confiscations, undergone with selfless motive, have their beneficial results, in the long run, for the imprisoned as well as the people. But, with human weakness, some of us want results, and more substantial results, and more quickly; and with faith in the ancient traditions and scriptures, we believe profoundly that the best results can be achieved more quickly; if our leaders, first and foremost, define, our Goal clearly, to themselves and to all the world, and then arrange "that its true meaning and implications should be continuously explained and put before the country in language very different from that hitherto employed" (——to adopt a sentence used in a very different setting, from another editorial in the "Statesman" dated 23-11-1940); even as khadi and charkha and the other items of Mahatma Gandhi's programmes and the various programmes of the other parties, have been and are cried all over the length and breadth of the land.

(To be Continued)

POLICE ROUND UP ALLEGED DANGEROUS GANG

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Twelve persons, alleged to be members of a highly organised gang responsible for dangerous offences of violence and robbery were arrested this morning from various parts of the city by the Bombay C. I. D.

Applying for a remand of the accused to custody, Sub-Inspector Sami stated to-day before the Chief Presidency Magistrate that the accused were arrested in connection with the murder of Pragpuri V. Gosai, a share-broker, whose dead body was found by the police in his room at Walkeshwar in a highly decomposed condition on January 14. Since then the police had been making minute inquiries which resulted in the arrest of the accused.

The Magistrate thought that there were reasonable grounds of suspicion against the accused. He therefore directed all except the last accused to be remanded to custody. The latter was directed to be released on bail.

AWARD TO SIR P. C. RAY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4.

In appreciation of his Asiatic researches in science, including medicine, Sir Prafulla Chandra Ray has been awarded the Sir William Jones Memorial Medal by the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal.—A. P.

Punjab Revenue Minister

LAHORE, Feb. 5.

Enquiries made in official quarters show that there is no truth in the rumour that the Revenue Minister, Sir Sunder Singh Majithia, has resigned or is about to resign his office or that the question of choosing his successor is being considered.

Sir Sunder Singh Majithia who is at present convalescing in the United Provinces, is expected to resume work towards the end of February or the beginning of March.—A. P.

Tennis Inquiry

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 5.

The Committee, consisting of Prof. Amarnath Jha, Kunwar Jasbir Singh and Mr. L. Brooke Edwards, appointed by the President of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association to enquire into the matter of the withdrawal from the Bihar Lawn Tennis Championships at Patna of Messrs. Ghaus Mohammed Y. R. Savoor, Iftikhar Ahmad, Sohan Lal and Anwar Husain will meet at Allahabad on February 8.—A. P.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND STATEMENT

EARMARKED FOR.	Amount collected. Rs. a. p.	Amount remitted. Rs. a. p.
Indian Air Force	24,30,002 7 3	10,00,000 0 0
Royal Air Force	5,82,562 7 8	3,76,806 13 4
Lord Mayor's Relief Fund	74,760 8 3	46,747 13 2
Lady Lumley's Hospitality to Troops Fund	61,501 0 0	61,501 0 0
Humanitarian Purposes	50,334 0 0	5,342 5 8
Troops in the Middle East	50,676 12 0	50,000 0 0
Ambulance Purposes	77,583 7 3	72,888 0 0
Non-Combatant Purposes	7,396 4 9	.....
Indian Red Cross	13,376 13 7	.....
British Red Cross	4,837 7 7	.....
King George's Fund for Sailors, London	562 0 0	.....
National Lifeboat Association, London	365 0 0	.....
Amenities for Troops	376 3 4	.....
St. Dunstan's Fund	825 4 0	628 12 0
Widows and Orphans	616 11 0	.....
Royal Indian Navy	2,970 4 10	510 0 0
Chancellor of the Exchequer, London, for War Purposes	9,558 6 0	9,558 6 0
Polish Relief Fund.	45 3 0	10 0 0
Viceroy's Fund	315 0 0	100 0 0
W. I. A. A. War Plane Fund	7,090 12 0	.....
"Troops in Great Britain"	10,005 0 0	.....
Toc. H. Work in England	83 8 0	.....
R. N. Benevolent Trust	61 15 0	.....
Czech Relief Trust	10 0 0	.....
Total	33,85,916 12 6	16,24,092 6 2
Balance	17,61,824 6 4	

402 Subscribers have promised monthly donations aggregating Rs. 39,680-4-8 per mensem.

WHEN MAHATMA WOULD SIGN APPEAL FOR FUNDS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

"I would far rather that no appeal for funds was made in the proud name of India's greatest philanthropist than that the appeal, having been made, should fall flat", says Mahatma Gandhi in the course of a letter to Sir N. N. Sircar, who had asked him to sign an appeal for funds in connection with the eightieth birthday celebration of Sir P. C. Ray.

Mahatma Gandhi says: "I would gladly sign, for, if I allow my name to be exploited for raising money, Sir P. C. Ray's name I hold to be much fitter than mine for such exploitation. I know that when I was in my teens he was already spending himself, whether it was for poor students or anybody else. Yet I must resolutely refuse to lend my name to the appeal, unless you have a private meeting of would-be subscribers and get the minimum in cash. I have a tragic experience of such appeals being made widely signed and yet falling flat. I would far rather that no appeal for funds was made in the proud name of India's great scientist philanthropist than that the appeal, having been made, should fall flat. Therefore canvass amongst those who will sign the appeal. Bag the money from them. Wire how much you have bagged and if it is a worthy sum you shall have my signature, otherwise not."—A. P.

BOMBAY TEAM CONGRATULATED

Dr. Kanga's Tribute To Benares Players

At the conclusion of the Final of the Inter-University Cricket Championship Tournament for the Rohinton Baria Trophy which ended in the victory of Bombay University by an innings and 168 runs, Mr. A. A. A. Fyzee, in his dual capacity as the Chairman of the University Board of Sports and as representing the Board of Control for Cricket in India paid a tribute to the remarkable manner in which the teams played the game.

Dr. Kanga presided over the function and Mrs. Kanga gave away the trophy.

Dr. Kanga said that the Benares University though young in years had done wonderfully well in coming up to the final stage in the University Cricket Championship and hoped that it would win the Trophy in the near future. He paid a tribute to the versatile qualities of Mr. Soboni, the Captain of the Bombay University Team and to Messrs. Sarwate, Shippa, Adhikari and other players.

Wrestling At Shantiniketan

SANTINIKETAN, Feb. 5.

Wrestling demonstrations by Goonga, who was declared Rostam-I-Hind at the recent wrestling carnival in Calcutta, will be a special feature of the anniversary celebrations at Sriniketan which commenced to-day.

There will be an industrial and agricultural exhibition in which special attention will be given to village industries which the Sriniketan institute has been trying to develop. The annual rally of the Brati-Balakas and a conference of women from surrounding villages have also been arranged.—A. P.

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Occupation Of Cyrene Announced

Important Positions In Libya And Abyssinia Captured

Extensive Patrol Activities In Somaliland

CAIRO, Feb. 4.

The occupation of Cyrene by forward elements of the British forces on Monday is announced in to-night's 'communique', dealing with the Libya front.

Of Eritrean activities the 'communique' says that Italian retreat from Agordat continues and our troops are nearing Keren. "From Barentu our troops are pursuing the enemy in a southerly direction. An accurate count of prisoners has not yet been taken but the number is considerable".

Referring to Abyssinia the 'communique' continues: "East of Gallabat our advance continues on the Metemma-Gondar Road. The capture of two frontier posts on the Dukana front referred to in yesterday's 'communique' resulted in the infliction of nearly a hundred casualties in killed and captured at slight cost to ourselves. One additional post in the neighbourhood has been captured."

Extensive patrol activity continues in Italian Somaliland, the 'communiqqe' concludes.

Imperial Forces Forge Ahead

Reuter's special correspondent at the British headquarters in the Middle East writes from Cairo:—

Driving west along the coast from Derna, British Imperial forces have captured the small port of Cyrene, about 130 miles from Benghazi. It is believed that British advance forces have already advanced past Cyrene.

The brief message received at General Wavell's Headquarters in Cairo did not say whether the Italians had offered strong resistance at Cyrene. It is generally assumed that they held on till the last moment and fought a rearguard action when British pressure became too great.

The British forces are all thrusting deeper and deeper into Mussolini's African Empire.

Since the start of the offensive against Eritrea the British forces have advanced a 150 miles and are now approaching the native town of Keren, about 70 miles up the railway from Asmara, the capital of the colony.

The retreating Italians may possibly make a stand at Keren, though the town lacks strong defences and is strategically unsuitable for withstanding any considerable attack.

Further south the Italian column driven out of Barentu is still on the run eastwards with the British forces at their heels. They are withdrawing across mountainous country towards the main Asmara-Addis Ababa Road.

A fair number of prisoners were captured when British advance parties cut off small group of stragglers in the mountains. The difficulty of making progress along the mule track they are having to follow has obliged the enemy to cast aside surplus equipment including a number of tanks and guns.

In Northern Abyssinia the Italians continue to retreat towards Gondar. They are putting obstacles in the way of the pursuing British forces, but it is learned that these have reached a point some 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier.

Britishers At Berta

Reuter's special correspondent with the British forces in Libya writes:

While the forward elements of General Wavell's army were striking further west, I entered Berta Giovanni, about 25 miles from Derna. The British Imperial forces with infantry well to the fore were slowly but relentlessly, pressing on over a front stretching some miles inland from the sea coast.

Advanced patrols had pushed into Berta, a neatly colonised village in the Jebbal district, on Sunday night after clearing the roadway of mines. As I entered at dawn with the infantry marching in Indian file, the Italians were already believed to be in retreat many miles to the west. I had spent the night in a wadi (dried river bed) with British machinegunners preparing a drive into Berta.

As I drove into the centre of the village, Arabs headed by a Sheikh lined the road, and clapped and cheered wildly.

British Imperial Troops advancing from Kenaya have penetrated 60 miles into Mussolini's East African Empire. A communique issued to-day states that British advance patrols are making good progress on all sections of the Front and a number of prisoners have been captured with guns and ammunition.—Reuter.



The Bombay University Team who won the finals of the Inter-University Cricket Tournament on Monday.

Heavy Snow Fall In France

12,000 Acres Inundated In Rome By Floods In Tiber

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Following the report of flooding and wintry weather in Hungary come accounts of heavy snow falls in France and floods caused by the overflowing of the Tiber in Italy.

Traffic is dislocated by snow in the Paris district and telegraph and telephone lines are down in the southern suburbs, while railway travellers are held up owing to serious damage to tracks, motor traffic also being virtually at a standstill.

In the Auvergne Region, snow fell for 48 hours.

A new cold wave is causing anxiety to the townsfolk owing to the growing difficulties in transporting foodstuffs. Country people are anxious due to the loss of hours of work. Over 12,000 acres were inundated in the Rome area when the Tiber was flooded near Gart Bridge following torrential rain.

No victims are reported so far, but inhabitants who were trapped in two houses had to be rescued by fire men. Civil and engineering services have taken measures to deal with the flood and maintain railway communications.—Reuter



Advanced British mechanical unit advancing towards Tobruk.

Willkie Terminates Hurricane Tour Of England

Home Guard Wishes 'Bon Voyage': 'Keep Smiling Boys', He Exhorts

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Mr. Wendell Willkie after his hurricane tour of England left two hours ago to-day on the first stage of his journey back to America.

He left London early to-day by train and was seen off by members of the Red Eagle Squadron and the Home Guard who wished him "bon voyage." He shook all warmly by the hand saying, "keep smiling boys."

The train was closely guarded by police while officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard were on the platform as the train, in which Mr. Wendell Willkie had a sleeper, steamed out.

Mr. Wendell Willkie left his hotel a few minutes before the express was due to leave.

No members of the general public were admitted to the platform and no Government officials could be seen.—Reuter.

INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WELL CARED FOR IN ITALY

LONDON, Feb. 5.

An Italian missionary who has spent thirty years in India has visited Indian war-prisoners in Italy, states the Vatican City Radio. The missionary found them in good health, lodged in healthy quarters surrounded by a large park.—Reuter.

NO BOOT-LICKING BUT OPEN FIGHT!

Free Rumanians Form Committee In London

Members To Fight Hitlerism Side By Side With Britain And Allies

LONDON, Feb. 5.

THE EXISTENCE OF A FREE RUMANIAN COMMITTEE WAS DIVULGED TO-DAY BY THE FORMER RUMANIAN MINISTER TO LONDON, M. VIOREL TILEA, IN A STATEMENT TO REUTER.

"The members of this Committee," he said, "believe that the rights of a nation cannot be obtained by boot licking but by an open fight and, therefore, we go ahead whatever measures Hitler's Quisling in Bucharest may take against us, convinced that right is going to prevail against might in the end."

M. Tilea's statement was made in connection with a communique published in Bucharest which stated that M. Tilea was deprived of Rumanian nationality at a meeting of the Rumanian Cabinet for the anti-national attitude he is adopting in London.

M. Tilea declared, "If our activities regarding the formation of a free Rumanian movement are against the interests of the pro-Nazi Government in Bucharest, it is not of disinterest to the Rumanian nation.

"I can divulge to-day that I am in possession of inside knowledge from Rumania which shows that the country as a whole and certainly its political leaders expect that Rumanians who are in democratic countries should start, as it is the tradition of our history Rumanian national policy which should do the utmost possible, side by side with Great Britain and her Allies, to place Rumania again in its important role in South East Europe as a country freed from German slavery.

It is natural that this Committee which exists already has no official recognition by the British Government, but it has the moral backing of the Rumanian nation and 300,000 Rumanians living in the United States."—Reuter.

MALTA WILL HURL OFF ANY INTRUDERS

MALTA, Feb. 5.

"IF MALTA BECOMES A SCENE OF ACTIVE OPERATIONS I AM PERFECTLY CONFIDENT THAT ALL INTRUDERS, GERMANS, ITALIANS OR ANYONE ELSE WILL BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH". SAID LIEUT-GENERAL W. G. S. DOBBIE, ACTING GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BROADCASTING TO THE PEOPLE OF MALTA ON TUESDAY.

THE GOVERNOR ADDED THAT A CRISIS IF IT CAME WOULD NOT LAST LONG AS THE FIGHTING FORCES HAD TAKEN ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ENSURE RAPID AND COMPLETE VICTORY.—REUTER.

ESCAPED ITALIAN PRISONERS ARRESTED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

It is learnt that the two Italian Prisoners who escaped from the detention camp at Ramgarh, Bihar, have been arrested. Their names are Major Verniani and Lieut. Sammarco. They escaped two days ago.—A. P.

AIR MAILS TO BRITAIN

Cheapest And Speediest Of The Four Routes

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5

Two all-up air mail services and two air-cum-sea services are now available for dispatching mail to the United Kingdom. The quickest of these is the Rangoon, Chungking, Hongkong, United States and Portugal all-up air mail service, which was started last December and runs weekly. The transit time to England by this route is a little over two weeks. It is stated here that very little use is at present made of this route, probably owing to the high fee of Rs. 4/2 per half ounce.

The next quickest service is via Auckland, San Francisco and Portugal, the transit time for which is estimated at three weeks. The schedule is adjusted to link the India-Auckland air service with the Auckland-San Francisco service which runs once fortnightly. The fee for this route is Rs. 3-1-6 per half ounce. It is understood that both these all-up services are running with fair regularity, but it is pointed out that owing to the large number of connections, sometimes in the neighbourhood of half a dozen, it is not possible absolutely to ensure that all transit times are to schedule.

The bulk of the air mail from India is carried by the twice weekly air-cum-sea route via Durban and Capetown. From India to Durban this service is stated to be running with regularity. The transit time on the sea route from Capetown to London, however, is entirely dependent on the shipping facilities that are available at the time and considerable variations are regarded as being inevitable at present.

The second air-cum-sea route is via Singapore and the United States. This utilises the Singapore-Hongkong sea-link on which there is a service twice a week. The transit time is three to four weeks, and the surcharge is Rs. 2-8 per half ounce if the mail is carried by sea across the Atlantic and Rs 3-1 if carried by air.

It is pointed out that this last route, although slower than the all-up services, is cheaper and not so liable to unavoidable delays as the route via Durban and Capetown.—A. P.

Paris Dick Dead

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The death has occurred of George Paris Dick.—Reuter.

(George Paris after being called to Bar in 1889, enrolled himself as an Advocate of the Calcutta High Court and later became lecturer in Law to the Morris College, Nagpur, 1907-24. He was a member of the C. P. Legislative Council 1917-30 and an Advocate to the C. P. Government from 1912-30).

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

IS KIRK GETTING THE RUN-AROUND?

BANANA BOAT MYSTERY



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